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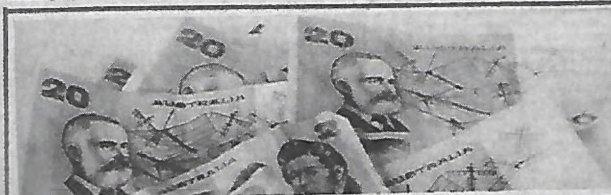
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Spotlight on our ills

Soccer in Australia certainly is not progressing at the same rate as in the mid-seventies; on this we all agree. For some observers the game is not progressing at all and here there may be some dispute. Finally, in the opinion of some critics, or realists, the game is going backwards. In whatever degree, we all admit that the game has problems that have nothing to do with the general downturn of most other sports.

Just before the 1983 championship season kicked off a few weeks ago, Frankston City folded up suddenly after having enjoyed some degree of success in the Victorian State League and despite boasting good facilities and one of the best social clubs in the business.

The demise of Frankston City is serious in itself, but the tragedy of it all is that many other clubs are in similar difficulties but simply don't have the common sense or guts, to take the same radical dive into oblivion.

Worse still, some of these clubs have a distorted perception of the situation and believe, instead that they have the guts to continue. True in some cases the much maligned "ethnic connection" keeps producing miracle after miracle. But for how long and to what final purpose?

Officialdom in soccer is less inclined towards self-criticism than in most other fields; the media — whatever soccer media there is — has been limited and, in general, superficial; the individuals have been so jealous of their precious personal positions that they become aggressive, almost belligerent, towards anybody who seems to be "rocking the boat".

As a result, issues have not been debated and problems have not been identified amid much burying of heads in the sand and the adoption of Louis XIV's motto: "After me, the deluge".

At "Soccer Action" we pride ourselves in having been a constant voice of constructive criticism for many years, often attracting the wrath and reprisals of the mighty, be they federations, leagues, clubs or individuals.

In this tradition we publish an in-depth study of the problems affecting our sport today.

The writer, Rocky Di Zio, is a man who has seen soccer from all angles over some 30 years: as a junior player, as a spectator, as a club supporter, as a club and federation official, as a reporter and, in general, as a keen lover and student of the game.

His study mostly is centred on the Victorian State League, a traditional showpiece of soccer in contrast to the more recent and artificial National League that will survive or perish not necessarily on its merits or demerits. But the problems are fairly general to all leagues and divisions in all States.

The writer does not intend to pontificate, nor to preach the gospel. He simply puts forward his experiences and observations over many years, giving also a voice to many other soccer people he has been associated with over the years and who might be not articulate or determined enough to present their views as an opening to a general forum.

He has dissected the problem into four parts: 1) the players, 2) the club officials, 3) the juniors, 4) the federations and others contributing factors.

In this first of four articles he deals with the responsibilities of the players.

By
ROCKY DI ZIO

Soccer, like all fields of human enterprise where money is exchanged for services, must be considered a business; a service industry that should pay part of its income to the employees providing the service.

It should pay overheads and retain sufficient profits for future growth and inevitable lean periods. But, unlike all other businesses, it pays its employees many times more than what they produce.

The problem with soccer is as simple as that, but there are many connotations and contributing factors.

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Players are bleeding our clubs dry

First of a 4 part series

\$1,000 signing-on fees and \$60 match fees.

But in actual fact these amounts would make any top liner laugh and are readily obtained even by those who impersonate soccer players by donning strips and boots and going out onto the field to kick anything that moves, mostly legs because they are slower and more numerous than the solitary soccer ball.

There is no doubt that a number of players are in it for the love and the enjoyment of the game and would be in it for mere expenses or for nothing.

Unfortunately they are forced to demand "equal pay" for reasons of professional pride and to be appreciated by some petty officials who often value the player, and the man, only according to what he costs. I could name many in this category of player.

It is also true that some of the players who demand a lot of money have great skills and their effort at training and at games is equal to the remuneration they seek, while their life-style is as spartan as their professional sportsman status demands. Here I could also name many; and God bless them all, for they are the ones who bring the spectators through the turnstiles and inspire our young players.

But it is much more true that the game is being bankrupted by many greedy mer-

cenaries, the real "professionals" of negotiation, self-sell, self-promoting and unfair pressures on clubs.

The players resort to all their unlimited bargaining skills to "score" good contracts for their limited soccer skills and then perform poorly, wanting to be propped-up continuously by bonuses and other incentives. They have no discipline nor proper life-style; form pressure groups to make life impossible for coaches and other players who are not part of the "circle" and on top of it all spit on the plate that feeds them, having nothing but contempt for officials and supporters.

Just to illustrate this dominant attitude, there is a well-

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NSL seeks cash help



Sam Pappasavas

The National League will seek financial compensation from the ASF because three NSL rounds in June have been postponed to make way for an interstate match and three internationals against England.

There will be no NSL games on June 5, 12, or 19. The rounds will be tacked onto the end of the season.

One of the postponements is due to a match between Queensland and NSW, which has just appointed John Watkiss of Sutherland as State coach.

"Our clubs will have to keep paying their players for three weeks without any income," NSL chairman Sam Pappasavas said this week.

"Therefore, we will ask the ASF for financial compensation — probably from the gate takings at the England matches."

The NSL meanwhile rejected a new national league format suggested by ASF marketing director Peter Sheehan.

Riverwood follows Frankston, Croatia off to Indonesia

Fears that Riverwood would depart the NSW State League have been realised and as from now, the league will continue playing with 13 clubs.

Meanwhile Sydney Croatia will spend the weekend playing in Indonesia. It toured the U.S. a few years ago.

Attempts by some to save Riverwood by "marriage" did not eventuate. However, Riverwood has already played

four matches and it appears that the NSW Soccer Federation executive will decide to wipe all points concerning Riverwood.

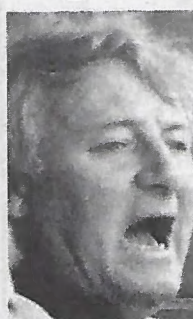
So far the side had played four matches, winning 4-0 against Canterbury, then losing in succession to Sutherland (0-1), Croatia (0-4) and Polonia (0-2). If these results are cancelled, then Blacktown will jump into the lead with Melita Eagles in second place, followed by Sutherland and Croatia.

Riverwood's future was thrown into doubt when it lost substantial sponsorship.

The club is the second to quit federation soccer within three weeks.

In Victoria, Frankston City pulled out of the First Division because of debts, a shortage of players and lack of support.

Docherty to work against 'Roos?



Tommy Docherty (left) could play a vital role in the fortunes of our youth team at the World Youth Cup finals in Mexico in June.

According to a recent story in the mass circulating English newspaper, "Sunday People", Docherty has contacted Scottish youth team manager Andy Roxburgh, offering to give him a full run-down on the young Socceros, drawn alongside the Scots in group A of the 16 nation tournament.

Shades of Herr Gutendorf who was set to spill the beans about our senior side to Fiji before a World Cup qualifier two years ago?

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paid "professional" in a leading ethnic-support club who told his committeemen to their faces that he hates all officials and supporters of that particular ethnic group!

The unfortunate thing is that he is still there, taking good money from the very people he hates. In the meantime he is alienating some officials to whom principles are more important than success, and turning away many of the supporters who generate his salary, not just at the turnstiles.

And let's not mention other things they manage to extract from officials and supporters, like well-paid civilian jobs for which they have no qualifications nor attitude, goods and services like cars, car repairs, rent-free flats, drinks and so on.

These many undesirables unfortunately satisfy their outrageous financial greed because some officials are just as outrageously greedy for success and personal importance.

Another advantage this class of player has is experience and advice. Players can be on the scene for something like 10 years and they share among themselves their cumulative experience, continuously coming up with new ways of outsmarting naive officials who may be on the scene for as little as one or two years and certainly do not combine their limited experience with fellow officials of "enemy clubs".

One great con that players have perfected to a fine art in recent years is the "maximum transfer" they often have written into their contracts.

By virtue of this clause, which superficially could look like a moderator of costs, the player sets his own maximum transfer fee for years to come and gets a licence to transfer as often as it suits him. The ultimate effect of this clause is that clubs only can be the losers, at both ends.

Take a player with a maximum transfer fee of, say, \$5,000 on his contract.

If he has had a good season, and has many clubs chasing him prepared to pay any

amount, he has a licence to go at a bargain price.

The club "selling him" is prevented from making a justified profit, while losing a valuable player.

The club "buying" him will be in no better position, because in gladly accepting the "bargain", and in consideration of it, will give the player a very handsome signing-on fee.

So while the clause is putting a powerful brake on transfer fees, which is money circulating among clubs and therefore continuing to finance the game, it inflates out of all proportions the signing-on fees, which is money that goes out of the game and into the bottomless pockets of players.

Taking a punt, or even an educated guess, in relation to the intricate field of signing-on fees where some payments are also made under the table, I would say that in the past six years average signing-on fees have gone from \$500 to \$3,000 in the Victorian State League (a mere 500% increase), while

transfer fees have remained stationary, or even have receded.

Still wondering why clubs are going bankrupt?

But let's look in more detail at the time bomb that is the innocuous looking maximum transfer clause.

It goes like this: a club is looking for a certain type of player and is prepared to pay a fee of \$5,000 and a signing-on fee of \$2,000 for a total of \$7,000.

By coincidence, the player it wants has a maximum transfer fee of \$3,000 in his contract, what a bargain!

The player then asks for a signing-on fee of \$5,000 and the club gladly forks it out because the deal still amounts to the \$7,000 it wanted to spend in the first place.

Chances are the player will ask and obtain the same \$3,000 maximum transfer fee in his contract with the new club, and no way in the world will he take a lesser signing-on fee in following years.

So at the end of, say, three yearly contracts, the club has paid out \$3,000 in transfer fee and three times \$4,000 in signing-on fees for a total of \$15,000 (or more, because the player may have managed to obtain yearly increases, not to mention equally exorbitant match fees) and can only recoup \$3,000 by transferring him to another club, even if in the meantime his value has doubled or trebled.

Had he not been a "bargain", the player would have cost the club the higher \$5,000 transfer fee and three times \$2,000 in signing-on fees, for a total of \$11,000 (a saving of \$4,000 compared with the "bargain") and his transfer to another club at actual market value could have brought in a handsome amount, even \$10,000.

Eventually the "bargain" would have cost, directly, \$11,000 more than the "expensive buy." Multiply this amount by the many smart players who

Greed is the root of soccer's evils

change clubs in a year and you will have a better idea of why clubs are going bankrupt.

Indirectly this "bargain" acts as a general escalating factor in the total expenses of the club, because its central figure will soon change to his "mates" his lavish financial conditions and, come contracts renewal time, all other players will be asking for higher signing-on fees and match fees backed by the very powerful argument: "Somebody is getting it and I am not inferior to him!"

But that is not all. In a player-club contract the only obligation that is readily measurable and precisely stated is the monetary reward.

The effort, the performance, the life-style, the loyalty, the duties are all intangible or immeasurable quantities.

The maximum transfer fee, of any amount, becomes a joke if the player does not fire and goes down in value or, even worse, if he decides to retire for any reason, or to go back overseas. The "bunny" club gets little or nothing.

Once I was negotiating terms with a player from a former club who was buying for \$10,000 and, naturally, he wanted a \$10,000 maximum transfer fee clause in his contract.

To his amazement I readily agreed on condition we insert also a "minimum recoup clause" for the same amount, explaining that it meant the club would have to get that amount for him in any case.

If he wanted to transfer and no club was prepared to pay the amount, he would have to make up the difference himself; if he wanted to give the game away, because of an accident or any other personal reason, he would have to pay the club the whole \$10,000 himself. You have never seen a quicker change of mind!

As it happened, the player flopped and after two years

the club transferred him at a loss of \$4,000. Fortunately, more or less at the same time, he had bought another player for \$3,000 and transferred him for \$11,000. Without maximum transfer fees on either contract, the club, between these two players, made a profit of \$3,000.

Had both players had maximum transfer fees in their contracts (usually the purchase price), the club would have still got only \$6,000 for the first player, but a mere \$3,000 for the second one, for a combined loss of \$4,000.

Some may delude themselves that the maximum transfer clause helps the less financial clubs in keeping up with the more affluent clubs, by making it easier for any club to acquire any player.

Nothing is more true, because the lesser clubs would not have a chance to attract these "bargains" with what they can offer in terms of signing-on fees and match fees. In any case the total financial burden we have demonstrated would end up wrecking these smaller clubs.

Some even may say that it is immoral for clubs to sell players like cattle and to want to make a profit on them. Here again we have a misguided attitude.

Players are born, in some cases with natural talent, and clubs have to spend large amounts to develop the skills, for themselves and not for other clubs.

So if any other club wants to buy this "commodity" it has to pay for it and is entitled to make a profit when reselling it, because in the meantime it will have spent more money in improving it, or because the market has become inflated

for a replacement.

Ultimately, clubs never can make a profit on players because eventually they become a complete write-off, without even a trade-in value (pardon the cynicism). And do not expect many former players to put anything back into the game in a voluntary capacity.

Of course, if during their playing career players have performed in a way to attract spectators and support, they have well earned all the money spent for them and paid to them and deserve the gratitude of all associated with the game.

It cannot be denied, however, that some clubs are smarter than others on the transfer market and can work at it as an investment opportunity, attempting to make money out of the immediate profits and very little intermediate and ultimate losses.

But that is "hous" and good management at the expenses of "dumb" and badly managed clubs, and often it is the secret behind the success of some clubs with little support and fewer sources of income.

A classic example is Green Gully's clever manager Bobby McLachlan who built a champion team and made a profit on the way!

Another bad trait of mercenaries is their lack of loyalty and understanding in their relationship with clubs. As players they can be out due to injuries, can lose form, can be sick, or cannot "produce" what they were acquired for, and that is supposed to be normal.

But the club, which usually stretches itself in contractual financial obligations, has a shortfall in its expected income (possibly exactly because the players are not firing) and cannot produce the money at the right time, there is no understanding, and to moaning, even a couldn't-care-less attitude on the field.

Could this reaction be behind the reason why a team of excellent or good players, most of whom are now doing extremely well in the National League or in other State League clubs, got very poor results in the last couple of years? No prize for guessing the club was Frankston City.

And what about the almost yearly changing of clubs, with the assistance of the maximum transfer fee "licence" and in search of "bunnies" to fork out more money? Clubs

are forced to continually rebuild, at high cost, in the vain search for that elusive, great team that will produce victories, thus making everything fall into place.

It may seem at this stage that I am creating a large class of "villains" in the players' fraternity.

Not necessarily, because in many cases the fault is not solely with the players, but in the system.

It is true that many players act as "villains", but it could be that they learned from "villain" officials. Some of them exploit clubs possibly because in the past they were exploited by other clubs. Some have no loyalty because other clubs in the past gave them none. But in this first of four articles, I am dealing with the players only. The officials and various bodies will be dealt with in later articles.

So far now we must conclude that players must bear a grave responsibility for the state of the game, regardless of the negative contribution of others. Their "faults" are even greater considering that they are the leading actors and the leading beneficiaries of the sport in terms of money, fame, enjoyment.

What is the solution to this side of the problem? Unfortunately there isn't one that will work immediately and completely. Any solution from the players' side would have to work in solutions adopted by other sections of the game in a spirit of understanding of the whole situation and a general consensus towards sensible improvements. Players alone cannot solve the problem, but can help immensely in many ways.

Firstly, they should completely change their attitude and stop attempting to kill the goose that lays the golden egg. They must realise that clubs do not have the money to keep meeting their extravagant demands, that they are playing in little more than an amateur competition in terms of financial resources (with the exception of perhaps the National League) and they should look for rewards in other areas: enjoyment, friendship, civilian employment and business opportunities favored by their status; adequate insurance and health cover; a good social atmosphere for themselves and their families; and some retiring benefits.

They must remember that

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Most importantly, a legitimate and realistic "Players Union", recognised by clubs and federations, could sit in at a "Summit Conference" of all sections of the game to identify problems and offer solutions in a spirit of mutual respect and interest. The famous consensus even Prime Minister Bob Hawke is aiming for.

And we must admit that the problems of the nation are definitely much bigger and complex than the problems of soccer. So we have a definite advantage, if we have the will and a genuine love for the game.

NEXT WEEK: The officials: overnight experts on ego trips?

SOCCER'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS

Much is said about the comparative standard of Australian and overseas soccer, but most of it appears to be based on the overseas soccer we see on television.

They watch "Match of the Day" from the UK and then try to tell us that what they see is far superior to what they see here.

But the viewers forget that "Match of the Day" consists only of edited highlights, making the game seem a lot better than it actually was.

I've seen games in England. Many of them are scrappy and many feature big-name players making heaps of mistakes. What's more, the crowds are only rarely in the 50,000 bracket, contrary to the impression one may get from television.

Our own one-hour "Match of the Day" on Channel 0/28 brings us one hour of one match not 10 minutes or so of our matches.

What is unfortunate is that our "Match of the Day" of ten lacks atmosphere because of very small crowds, but the standard of soccer is very high.

And if you're into nit-picking, then let's not forget that we've only just started producing soccer on Australian TV, and we're still learning about editing and camera work as it applies to the game.

Let's face it, if we could see South Melbourne's Hellas v Heidelberg every week, there would be no complaints at all.

Their match, on Channel 0/28 two weeks ago, had everything you would ever want from soccer - a huge crowd of about 16,000, top-class action and some unbelievable individual performances. And Channel 0/28 did a tremendous job of presenting it, despite a few minor technical hitches.

So let's stop knocking Australian soccer. Our standard is

much higher than the cynics try to make out.

Everyone was quite surprised at all the new faces in the national squad chosen to meet England in June: Joe Watson, Mike Valentine, Jim Cant, Sebastian Islamopoulos, Keny Murphy, Mike O'Shea etc., etc.

Personally, I was sad to see Paddy O'Connor and Gary Byrne omitted, but that's soccer, I suppose.

Congratulations to the new boys, and let's hope we all do better against England than we did in our two recent losses to New Zealand. I'm sure we will.

The one big problem that could arise out of all this, if we do well against England, is which squad will Les Scheinling then choose?

I was talking to some girls about women's soccer and I was fascinated to hear about the number of clubs and women's teams around Australia. Congratulations, girls, on your efforts. If you ever have any enquiries, I'd be only too glad to help.

Referees are getting a lot of stick lately, but we should spare a thought for them because they have the hardest job in soccer.

May I, however, give them one tip: be more courageous and more consistent in your rulings. When a penalty should be awarded, do not hesitate. Many get a bit panicky, perhaps because of possible pressure from the crowd.

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'Soccer Action' challenges England

As controversy rages over the composition of the national squad to meet England three times in June, "Soccer Action" writers put forward three possible line-ups.

Laurie Schwab's selection is based on the fact that England probably will use two strikers.

Schwab says: "Steve Blair and Arno Bertogna are the two best possible stoppers, and of all the sweepers playing in Australia at the moment, none is doing better than Charlie Yankos of Heidelberg, so these three would form the core of my defence."

"Coach Frank Ark has spoken about the desirability of using blocs of players from one or two clubs. In that case, I offer four South Melbourne Hellas players across the mid-

field — Crino and Murphy in centre field, and Russell and Davidson to do the dual job of picking up England's wide players, and also pushing forward down the flanks. The emphasis on a club bloc is the only reason I have not included Peter Katochos, but he is on the bench and he definitely would get a run.

"Up front, I can't go past the skill and fighting power of Jim Campbell and Phil O'Connor, with Marshall Soper as target man for passes to his feet, and lurking for opportunist goals and for full use of

the flair and finishing ability which are his hallmarks."

CRAIG MCKENZIE's selection has got nothing to do with the way England may play. It's simply the team he'd like to see represent this country at present.

MacKenzie says: "I've been telling people for years that John Yzendoorn best understands the responsibility of the covering defender. I don't care if his club coach, Rale Rasic, leaves him on the bench for the next 20 weeks. That's Rasic's problem. For mine, there's no better sweeper in the land. Yzendoorn has been 'spanked' enough by the ASF. After the recent debacle against New Zealand his qualities are needed urgently."

"As for Frank Ark's comment that talented Joe Watson

is in the squad to supply crosses, I'm starting to think that we're living in dreamland. If Terry Butcher and Phil Thompson play for England they'll be the only guys inside Australia's attacking third who will be getting a head to Watson's crosses.

"We must play to feet and support. That's the only way we can compete. Even then we'll need a bit of luck."

LES SHORROCK SAYS: "It wasn't I who was challenged by the editor to produce a better team than Frank Ark's selection that I realised what a difficult task it was."

"With Martyn Crook out injured, there doesn't seem to be a goalkeeper in the country playing consistently well, so after some hesitation I went for Greg Woodhouse with

Dennis Boland on the bench. "There might be some raised eyebrows over my choice of Peter Lewis, but I happen to think the big fella is the best back in the country, while Alan Davidson and Steve Blair pick themselves, and Charlie Yankos is doing a great job for Heidelberg."

In the midfield, Jimmy Campbell, always it seems inexplicably overlooked, is playing out of his skin, and also scoring goals, what more can a midfielder do?

"When it came to the forwards, John Kosmina was a must, and after a little mental anguish I went for Tommy Cumming because the wee man is such a ferocious ball-winner that his full back doesn't take his eyes off him for a second."

Laurie Schwab

Todd CLARKE (Syd. City)	Arno BERTOOGNA (APIA)	Alan DAVIDSON (SM-Hellas)
Charlie YANKOS (Heidelberg)	Steve BLAIR (SM-Hellas)	Ken MURPHY (SM-Hellas)
Oscar CRINO (SM-Hellas)	Jim CAMPBELL (Heidelberg)	Phil O'CONNOR (Wollongong)
Marshall SOPER (Olympic)	Substitutes: Peter KATHOLOS (Olympic), Peter LAUMETS (SM-Hellas)	

Craig Mac Kenzie

Todd CLARKE (Syd. City)	John YZENDOORN (SM-Hellas)	Arno BERTOOGNA (APIA)	Alan DAVIDSON (SM-Hellas)
Peter LEWIS (Ajax)	Jim CAMPBELL (Heidelberg)	George CHRISTOPOULOS (Canberra)	Ken MURPHY (SM-Hellas)
Peter KATHOLOS (Olympic)	John KOSMINA (Syd. City)	Mark KOUSSAS (Olympic)	
Substitutes: Charlie YANKOS (Heidelberg), Jeff OLIVER (Heidelberg)			

Les Shorroock

Greg WOODHOUSE (Leichhardt)	Peter LEWIS (G.G. Ajax)	Charlie YANKOS (Heidelberg)	Steve BLAIR (SM-Hellas)	Alan DAVIDSON (SM-Hellas)
Jim CAMPBELL (Heidelberg)	Tommy CUMMING (Melbourne Croatia)	Peter KATHOLOS (Olympic)	Oscar CRINO (SM-Hellas)	Ken MURPHY (SM-Hellas)
John KOSMINA (Syd. City)	On the bench: Dennis BOLAND (Footscray), Robbie DUNN (W. Adel)			

Young Roos beat Wollongong 7-0

NATIONAL YOUTH TEAM 7 (Incantalupe 3, Stewart, Lowe, McCulloch, Gloeckner). WOLLONGONG SELECTION 0 at Balgownie Oval, Wollongong, Crowd 2000. Referee: Mostronianni 7.

NATIONAL YOUTH TEAM: Hummel 7 — Meier 7, McCulloch 9, Villetta 8, Jones 8 — Stewart 8, Fabrizio 8, Maxwell 8 (Lions 7), Gloeckner 7, Lowe 9, Incantalupe 8.

WOLLONGONG SELECTION: Preston 6 — Mulheiser 6, Dunne 6, Almsworth 6, Fleming 6 — Waldron 6, Richardson 6, McGreen 6 — Stevanovski

Strikers Fabio Incantalupe, David Lowe and Steve Gloeckner tormented Wollongong with their speed, flair and ability.

They were among the most impressive performers in a team described by observers as the best side to play in Wollongong for many years.

National coach Les Scheinflug said: "It was a most useful workout and I must say we were right on target," Scheinflug said.

"Let's hope we're not hit by any serious injuries from now to the World Cup finals."

The Young Soccerroos were in a class of their own against a Wollongong selection which included six senior Wolves players.

Playing at a fast pace throughout, the Soccerroos caught the eye with their simple and effective patterns, their fitness and their high level of understanding.

Surely, this side must have a great future if properly looked after. The Wollongong selection, understandably, lacked cohesion and ideas.

The Wollongong side had a couple of early chances through O'Connor but on the half hour Incantalupe man-



aged to beat Preston in a solo move.

On the stroke of half time McCulloch advanced with his forwards and finished off a fine collective move with a hard shot that found the back of the net.

Ten minutes into the second half Stewart made it three with a glorious rising shot and a few minutes later Lowe ran 40 metres to collect a pass from Jones and score a memorable goal with the poise of a veteran.

Incantalupe, Gloeckner and again Incantalupe finished off the thoroughly beaten selection with three more goals. — PHILIP MICALLEF

Dave Smallman: Ajax's battered Rolls Royce

By CRAIG MCKENZIE

David Smallman has broken the same shin bone twice, broken two ribs, dislocated his shoulder after being set in place, and suffered countless ligament and muscle strains and sprains in a professional career which started in 1970 at the Racecourse Ground, home of English league club Wrexham.

At 30, with probably three or four seasons left in top company, the former Welsh international deserves a change of luck. Smallman is one of the outstanding footballers in the Victorian State League and if he has a lengthy injury-free run this season he can expect to be a leading candidate for end-of-season major player awards.

He's a proud Welshman without being a fanatic nationalist, has conservative political leanings, realises the need for unionism but also is critical of what he describes as "unions who abuse their powers, who overstep their mark."

"I voted conservative back home. I suppose that's the same as the Liberal party here. I've seen enough of the so-called welfare state system in Britain to realise its shortcomings," said Smallman.

"Charisma plays a big part in Australian politics. That's how Bob Hawke became prime minister. It's different back home. Probably because there's no-one with charisma."

Smallman is married. His wife, Barbara, is expecting their first child in June. The Smallmans will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary in September this year.

Smallman lost his job 10

DAVID PAUL SMALLMAN, Green Gully Ajax midfielder, has been described by his coach, Len McKendry, as "a Rolls Royce among footballers".

Smallman was born on March 22, 1963, in Connah's Quay, just inside the Welsh border, about eight miles from Chester.

He joined Wrexham, then in the English Third Division, in 1970 as a 17-year-old. In March, 1975, he transferred to First Division giant Everton for \$152,000. He returned to Wrexham in 1980 for six months, then joined Bangor City in the Northern Premier League. Five months later he was Green Gully Ajax-bound.

He has seven full international caps for Wales, one youth cap, and has made five under-23 appearances. He

months just three weeks ago and is on the look-out for work. He foresees staying in Australia for maybe six or seven years, the last two years to be spent, hopefully, as a coach.

"I like the lifestyle here — Foster's Lager and more financial security. Barbara would like to go back home and eventually we plan to settle there. The unemployment situation in Britain is farcical though. Let's hope that it improves."

Smallman's pet hate in Australian soccer is refereeing. "They (referees) are unbelievably poor," he states emphatically.

"I went to a Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup match at Green Gully on Easter Monday. I was in our dressing room before the match and the ref walked in and asked our lads if they wanted to play slide tackles or not. It was incredible. Then during the match both sets of players suddenly stopped playing and



was the outstanding midfielder in this year's Victorian Ampol Cup competition and one of his goals in Ajax's 5-0 win in the final against Heidelberg is one of the most memorable ever scored on the hallowed turf of Olympic Park's main ground.

went into huddles at different ends of the ground. I wondered what the hell was happening. I found out after that the referee had decided that he wasn't going to allow any more slide tackling and had instructed both captains to group their players together and let them know of his decision."

Smallman also is critical of "the clowns on TV who are supposed to be promoting the game here. After listening to one of them in particular no one would want to go to any games. No wonder the crowds are poor."

Smallman was one of nine apprentices at Wrexham in 1970. All played senior football in the 1970-71 season which may be a record in the English League. Three of his team mates then were Joey Jones, who made his mark later with Liverpool, Micky Thomas, now with Stoke City, and Billy Ashcroft, best known for his stint with Middlesbrough.

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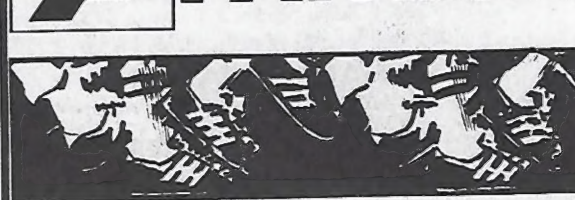
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troppo solo in avanti. Non crediamo che questo com-

portamento di McGuinness sia dettato da istruzioni della panchina. E non ci si dica che lo abbiamo preso di mira, poiché tutte le stelle debbono necessariamente essere oggetto della massima attenzione della critica, come delle lodi. Da lui, ex capocannoniere del campionato e vincitore della Rothmans Medal che il Morwell ha reclutato a caro prezzo, e' piu' che giusto aspettarsi di piu' come impegno, anche se due reti a partita fanno comodo a qualsiasi squadra.

CHE VERGOGNIA!

Il fine partita di Juventus-Hellas e' stato turbato da un incescoso incidente sul quale non andiamo in dettagli per amor di patria e con la speranza che si sari da un rinfresco e quindi che sarà riparato dai responsabili nei limiti del possibile.

L'affronto subito da un vero gentiluomo, da un grande sportivo e da una degnissima figura comunita sia che ha molto dato allo sport e alla comunita', e' un caso limite in una serie di atteggiamenti che la classe dirigente juventina ha assunto negli ultimi tempi e che precludono seriamente la definitiva e duratura rinascita del club.

Nelle divisioni inferiori hanno colto altisonanti successi due squadre italiane che hanno tutti i presupposti amministrativi e organizzativi per fare ulteriore onore al calcio italiano e Melbourne e che, pertanto, meritano tutto l'appoggio e l'incoraggiamento di tutti. Thomastown e Bullen.

Il Bullen Veneto, un club che ha fatto passi da gigante all'ombra dell'imponente sede del club scale di cui e' una figliolanza, ha battuto per 5-0 il Chelsea, dopo il punteggio tecnico di 6-1 ottenuto la settimana scorsa contro il Carlton. Sotto la guida capace e impegnata dell'ex nazionale U23 Fausto Tarquinio, giovani come Salvatore, Boarotto, Boin, Sunderland, Meneguzzi, Cassal e "vecchie volpi" come Poropat, Graser e Spadaro stanno dando la loro impronta al campionato di prima divisione della Lega Provinciale e fanno ben sperare per la promozione alla Lega metropolitana. Forza "mulli", e' proprio il caso di dirlo.

Il Thomastown, dopo un inizio deludente nel campionato di seconda divisione della Lega Metropolitana, e' letteralmente esplosio contro il pur modesto Ardeer. Sette reti messe a segno e nessuna subita in qualsiasi partita, da una differenza di valori tali che mettono le due squadre in fondo e in cima al valore generale della competizione. E non dovrebbe essere troppo lontano il giorno in cui il Thomastown tornerà in vetta alla classifica, anche con il punteggio, per ambire anch'esso alla promozione. Un risultato altisonante certo non vince un campionato, ma il Thomastown ha una tale solidità strutturale e morale che da una luce molto diversa, quasi una eccezionale conferma, al risultato di una singola partita.

DA CATENACCIO A SPETTACOLO

Dopo due partite all'insegna del catenaccio piu' esasperante e che hanno prodotti punti preziosi contro forti formazioni come il Morwell e la Juventus, Cirkovic ha dato prova di tutta la sua abilita' e flessibilita' tattica, a seconda dell'avversario, andando a Sunshine per dare spettacolo. I suoi ragazzi hanno dato battaglia come al solito, ma questa volta con una marcata tendenza d'attacco ed hanno colto il bersaglio ben cinque volte, con il rientrante Bruno Sabidussi che dava l'esempio proprio all'inizio della partita. Palinkas, che da settimane segnaliamo come un grosso giocatore in continuo miglioramento, ha messo assieme una doppietta. Bozakis si sta riconfermando il grande centrocampista che era assunto agli onori della Lega Nazionale con l'Heldberg e, all'occasione elegante realizzatore mettendo a segno un'altra rete. Schipano, in un certo senso il giocatore che meglio idealizza la forza e la vitalita' del giovane club, ha messo a segno la quinta marcatura.

Ma la nota piu' positiva della partita e' stato il felice istinto del giovane attaccante Bruno Cozzella, acquistato in settimana dal Footscray, che pur non segnando, ha fatto segnare e si e' disimpegnato molto bene per un giocatore inattivo da quasi un anno. I due punti conquistati così' gagliardamente, anche se al costo di tre reti subite, ha sollevato la posizione di classifica del Fawkner che presto dovrebbe arrivare a ridosso delle quattro "grandi", pronto ad approfittare di qualsiasi battuta d'arresto di una di esse.

Il Morwell ha voluto piu' del necessario per aver ragione di un combattivo Doveton, ma il solito McGuinness ha trovato la porta due volte ancora (come aveva fatto la settimana scorsa) mettendo al sicuro il risultato. Cosa dire di un giocatore che con quattro reti in due partite si' ristabilendo la sua fama di cannoniere principe della Lega Seconda? Che meriterebbe la classica medaglia e fucliazione.

Appoggiato da una squadra di gran giocatori, rifornito da un maestro della casse ed esperienza di Alun Evans e spinto da un centrocampista dell'elclasse McLean e Young, McGuinness dovrebbe segnare una carombole di reti se solo applicasse un impegno pari alla sua classe.

Il picciotto, pur se non ancora nella sua forma fisica migliore, sembra stia giocando troppo al risparmio e spesso si "imbosca" a centrocampo lasciando Mitten

che assorbirebbe la maggior parte delle squadre di testa, oppure con il ritorno in Lega Statale delle squadre di Lega Nazionale, che spingerebbe la zavorra delle squadrette di coda. Al momento qualsiasi movimento di ristrutturazione e' ancora molto campato in aria, ma ben farebbero i responsabili a trovare la formula migliore al piu' presto possibile per permettere una migliore pianificazione che nel passato.

SFIDA INDIRETTA

A causa di una curiosa circostanza di calendario che vede il Morwell incontrare le squadre che la settimana successiva se la vedranno con la Juventus, questo campionato da' anche l'interesse di una sfida indiretta continua fra le due italiane di testa, fino a che l'incontro diretto, nella dodicesima giornata, non provveda' un metro piu' esatto sulla superiorita' dell'una o dell'altra. Per ora la Juventus sembra avere un lieve vantaggio, ma il Morwell ha tutti i requisiti per migliorare piu' marcatamente con il passare delle partite. Questa l'analisi degli incontri contro le stesse avversarie fin ad ora disputati: Croydon - il Morwell lo batteva di misura per 1-2 sul difficile campo di casa, mentre la Juventus lo batteva facilmente per 2-0 all'Olympic Park (partita 1); Fawkner - la consorella piu' giovane faceva vedere i classici sorci verdi a tutte due, pareggiando 1-1 a Morwell e 0-0 con la Juventus sul campo di Jukes Road, che ha le stesse caratteristiche e difficulta' di quello di Croydon (vantaggio per la Juve); South Melbourne Hellas - tutte due le italiane vincevano facilmente per 3-1 (anche a metà tempo il risultato era un leggero vantaggio per il Morwell che aveva giocato fuori casa, lasciando così' un millimetro di vantaggio alla Juventus che si accennava di qualche altro millimetro a causa del miglior quoziente reti (7-1 contro 8-4) e del fatto che il Morwell ha sempre subito un goal a partita mentre il portiere bianconero ha perso la sua imballabilita' solo domenica e, per di piu', a causa di un insolito quanto pacchiano sbaglio di Pat Bannan.

Tornando alla quarta giornata del campionato riscintiamo la sofferta vittoria del Morwell in casa contro il Doveton. Prossimo avversario della Juventus, la facile vittoria della Juventus contro il South Melbourne Hellas in casa, dopo un deludente primo tempo a formazione rimaneggiata; la strabiliante vittoria esterna del Fawkner che ha superato il George Cross per 5-3.

DUE VISI DELLA JUVENTUS
La Juventus scende in campo all'Olympic Park senza il centrocampista Drinocky, alquanto indisposto in seguito ad avvelenamento da cibo, e Margaritis spostato (Vince Bannan al centro della difesa con Ged Bannan a terzino destro. Il provvedimento non si rivelava dei migliori e mette a nudo la vulnerabilita' della Juventus in caso di assente forzato poiche' la sua panchina, con il mancato acquisto di Cutler, e' composta esclusiva-

mente da centrocampisti e si sta pericolosamente assottigliando adesso che Cavalieri si e' stufato di fare la riserva e sta cercando di passare al Fawkner.

Il primo tempo e' stato percio' molto deludente per i Tennenamenti in difesa, una certa inconcludenza in centrocampo e per incisivita' in attacco dove French ha fatto molto poco e Zinni non ero ancora in buone condizioni fisiche. Fortunatamente Fabio Incantalupo ha finalmente ritrovato la sua vena migliore ed e' stato una spina nel fianco della difesa avversaria e, con un po di fortuna, avrebbe potuto andare a rete piu' di una volta.

Comunque Fabio ha confermato le sue grandi qualita', fra le altre, di ottimo battitore di palle piazzate sbloccando il risultato con una dosatissima punizione da fuori area, che ha evitato la barriera finendo sui piedi di Pat Bannan che da pochi passi non ha avuto difficoltà a insaccare. Purtroppo l'ottima puntata offensiva del difensore veniva annullata da una sua molto insolita pappera, che permetteva ad Abraham di pareggiare le sorti allo scadere del primo tempo.

Il secondo tempo era pero' tutto un'altra storia, con l'ingresso in campo di Drinocky che ha ristabilito così' la saldezza della difesa e il costruttivo apporto di Vince Bannan sulla fascia destra dove Zinni era rimasto a corto di rifornimento. Ged Bannan veniva spinto in vanti in sostituzione di Nelson, mentre Lloyd prendeva il posto di French, ma giocando in funzione di mezza punta e dando piu' spazio e appoggio a Incantalupo che cominciava a imperversare ancora piu' che nel primo tempo. Al 67mo egli colpiva la traversa e in molte occasioni andava vicino al goal o veniva beffato dai dossi interventi del sempre bian palizzato Perre.

Tutta la manovra juventina migliorava con i cambiamenti apportati dall'allenatore e i poveri ragazzi del South Melbourne, rafforzati per l'occasione da Buljevic, andavano completamente alla deriva con il solo portiere intento a limitare il passivo. Drinocky, finalmente avanzato per un calcio d'angolo, portava la Juventus in vantaggio su dosato calcio d'angolo di Incantalupo, magistralmente schiacciando in giu' la palla e angolandola fuori della porta del bravo Perre. Ged Bannan siglava la partita dopo una trotterellata solitaria e un gran tiro finale che non ammetteva discussione.

Quello che fa rimanere perplessi alla Juventus e' il povero comportamento delle riserve che continuano a mietere insuccessi. Il cambio di allenatore ovviamente richiude del tempo per poter dare i suoi frutti, ma i quadri della squadra sono piuttosto sforzati, con qualche buona individualita' e poca sostanza. Ora che la squadra cadetta ha un comitato, e dei fondi non indifferenti, tutto per se', sarebbe anche il caso di reclutare sicuro talento che potrebbe dare alla squadra i mezzi di ben figurare e di offrire rincalzi capaci di essere immessi in prima squadra quando il presente campionato ne darebbe l'opportunità. Cosa e' successo dei provini che Mar-

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Brisbane City for the lead?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Brisbane City should jump to second place on the NSL ladder by beating APIA in their postponed game at Marconi Oval on Friday night, and could take over league leadership by beating West Adelaide in Adelaide on Sunday.

But it remains to be seen whether Brisbane City has enough reserves of energy to win twice within three days. The more likely result on Sunday is a draw, or a West Adelaide victory.

Sydney City Hakoah also should get back among the leaders despite its 6-1 loss to Heidelberg last Sunday.

Hakoah looks too strong for Footscray J.U.S.T. in the later match of Friday's double-header, and should beat St George as well on Sunday, which would give it 11 points.

As I see it, West Adelaide, Heidelberg, Brisbane City and Sydney City should be within a point of each other in the top four positions on Sunday night. John Yzendoorn finally may get his first full game for South Melbourne Hellas against Wollongong at Middle Park on Sunday.

Coach Rale Rasch has been saying that the only reason Yzendoorn wasn't in the team was because the team was winning. That situation changed when Hellas lost 0-2 to St George Budapest. Yzen-

This week's NSL matches, with likely winners in capitals, and with record of past matches between clubs:

FRIDAY
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v
Footscray J.U.S.T., Marconi Oval, 7pm
(Record: Syd C

6 wins, 4 draws, 2 losses, 21-2 goals)
APIA-Leichhardt v. BRISBANE CITY, Marconi Oval, 8.45pm
(Record: Brish C 3 wins, 4 draws, 1 loss, 10-7 goals)

SATURDAY
Canberra Arrows v. HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER, Bruce Stadium, 2.30pm
(Record: H'berg 7 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses, 20-9 goals)

SUNDAY
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. St. George Budapest, Sydney Athletic Field, 3pm
(Record: Syd C 8 wins, 2 draws, 0 loss, 28-0 goals)

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. Wollongong, Middle Park, 3pm
(Record: St Melb 1 win, 2 draws, 1 loss, 5-3 goals)

West Adelaide Hellas v. Brisbane City (draw), Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30pm
(Record: W Adel 5 wins, 3 draws, 4 losses, 16-15 goals)

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v. Newcastle KB United, Connor Reserve, 3pm
(Record: Newc 2 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, 8-5 goals)

BRISBANE LIONS v
FOOTSCRAY JUST, Richlands, 3pm
(Record: Foots: 5 wins, 3 draws, 4 losses, 19-20 goals)

Marconi-Fairfield v. SYDNEY OLYMPIC, Marconi Stadium, 3pm
(Record: Marc 5 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses, 14-8 goals)

APIA-Leichhardt v. Adelaide City Juventus, Lambert Park, 3pm
(Record: APIA 4 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss, 11-6 goals)

down came on as a substitute for Steve Woodin against St George, so we could see Woodin dropped, Ken Murphy taking the left wing position and Yzendoorn slotting into the midfield.

Sydney City may include Gerardo Gomez, who came on as a substitute for Kevin Mullen against Heidelberg.

Incidentally, Jim Tansey, the Heidelberg star who broke his arm last week, is confident of getting back into training within five weeks. In the

meantime, John Spanos will remain at left back.

Canberra City should have George Christopoulos back after injury, but he won't worry Heidelberg, which should have another victory the following week against Brisbane Lions.

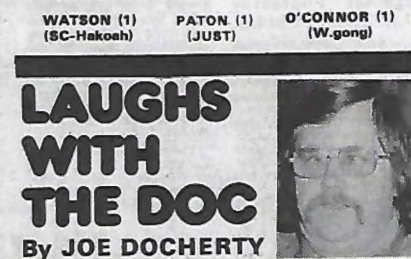
Preston Makedonia missed sweeper George Todorovski in its 1-3 loss to Brisbane City. Coach Peter Ollerton played well in Todorovski's position, so it will be interesting to see which of them plays against fourth-placed Newcastle at Connor Reserve.

NSL team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in this time.

MEIER (1) (Syd. Olympic)
SKEEN (1) YANKOS (3) HENDERSON (1) McKIE (2)
(St. Geo) (H'berg) (Marconi) (H'berg)

BELIC (1) CARROLL (1) BRADLEY (1)
(JUST) (JUST) (APIA)
WATSON (1) PATON (1) O'CONNOR (1)
(SC-Hakoah) (JUST) (W.gong)



LAUGHS WITH THE DOC
By JOE DOCHERTY

enough. Maybe he should have brought his suede "wellies". Anyway, it was too late. Back into the blocks. The gun was raised again. Bang! Bobby (or is it Robert) quickly settled into the middle of the bunch. A blistering pace was set, everybody was concentrating fiercely, everybody except Bobby. He stopped for a wee chat to a lady time-keeper.

After threatening to talk to her all day, he secured the young lady's phone number, he took off to catch up with the rest of the field. Being quite a distance behind, Robert put his "wellies" into top gear and started to burn the track up as he closed the gap on his opponents.

The crowd roared as the bold Robert caught up with the pack. The rubber in his "wellies" was

fairly smouldering as he drew level. "Nae bother" was his triumphant war-cry as he flew past, heading for the last bend.

The pressure on our hero's wellies was enormous. As he approached the bend, he tried to take the turn too wide. The strain on his "right welly" was too much and it blew out.

The smell of burning rubber was everywhere as our man skidded on his bum right into the long jumpers' sand pit.

The last we saw of our hero, he was talking the backside off the stretcher-bearers as they transported him to a waiting ambulance.

OPEN-AIR: I want to the JUST-Canberra game at the weekend. Their social club was open to everybody. That isn't really surprising because it didn't have any doors.

If Jamie Paton scores regularly he will have to get bigger pockets on his jacket to accommodate all the back-handers from his well-wishers at Footscray.

Hey, Jamie, see Bobby Russell and get a pair of "wellies" off him. They could hold haps of money.

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Last week's standings in brackets:

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1.	(1) West Adelaide Hellas	2	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	3	2	5:2	11
2.	(4) Heidelberg-Alexander	2	1	0	4	1	0	2	0	1	1	5:2	9
3.	(2) South Melbourne Hellas	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	1	5	4	9:5	8
4.	(7) Newcastle KB United	1	2	0	3	2	1	0	1	5	3	8:5	8
5.	(3) Preston-Makedonia	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	1	5	5	9:7	8
6.	(8) Adelaide City Juventus	2	1	0	5	3	0	1	1	1	3	6:8	8
7.	(9) Brisbane City	2	0	1	7	6	0	1	0	1	1	8:7	7
8.	(12) St George Budapest	2	1	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	2	4:3	7
9.	(5) Sydney City Hakoah	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	3	6	5:6	6
10.	(6) Canberra Arrows	1	1	0	7	2	0	1	2	3	5	10:7	5
11.	(9) Sydney Olympic	1	1	1	5	2	0	1	1	1	4	6:6	5
12.	(14) Wollongong	0	3	0	3	3	0	1	1	3	4	6:7	4
13.	(11) APIA-Leichhardt	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	4	2:4	4
14.	(13) Marconi-Fairfield	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	3	0	5	3:7	4
15.	(15) Brisbane Lions	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	2	2	9	4:10	4
16.	(16) Footscray JUST	1	0	2	3	8	0	0	1	0	1	3:9	3

* Match in hand — to be played Friday.

Yankos leads by six

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (Valentine) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 0 at Olympic Village. Crowd about 3000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Yankos (H), 5. Watson (SC), 4. McKie (H), 3. Valentine (H), 2. Spanos (H), 1. Robertson (SC).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Paton) CANBERRA CITY 0 at Schindler Reserve. Crowd about 2000. Votes by Peter Deas:

6. Carroll (F), 5. Belle (F), 4. Paton (F), 3. Bryant (C), 2. Hozoswzki (C), 1. Tutill (F).

WOLLONGONG 1 (Ainsworth) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Atsala) at Zierna Park. Crowd about 2500. Votes by Phillip Micallef:

6. Sproul (WA), 5. Vilesttra (W), 4. O'Connor (W), 3. Mays (WA), 2. Dunn (WA), 1. Hiern (WA).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Slater, Barton) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd 4120. Votes by Peter Scott:

6. Skeen (St.G), 5. Greedy (St.G), 4. Stone (St.G), 3. Barton (St.G), 2. J. O'Shea (St.G), 1. Ratcliffe (St.G).

BRISBANE CITY 3 (Hamilton, Tokes, McMillan own goal) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Luchoch) at Spencer Park. Crowd about 1500. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Tokes (B), 5. Campbell (Mak), 4. Perry (BC), 3. Cairney (BC), 2. Hamilton (BC), 1. Iloak (Mak).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Mountford) APIA-LEICH-HARDT 0 at International Sports Centre. Crowd 2403. Votes by Joe Janzon:

6. Burke (N), 5. Bradley (APIA), 4. H. Tredinnick (N), 3. Gray (APIA), 2. Watson (N), 1. Butler (APIA).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Pretton Park. Crowd 6825. Votes by Alex Veal:

6. Meier (SO), 5. Lownds (BL), 4. Jennings (SO), 3. Hunter (BL), 2. Hogg (BL), 1. Herbert (SO).

NI-FAIRFIELD 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd 1800. Votes by Memo Toutalide:

6. Henderson (M), 5. Sarmann (M), 4. Jankovics (M), 3. Maxwell (AC), 2. Benfield (AC), 1. B. Nyakohus (AC).

Leaders:
26. Yankos (H'berg).
20. Tokes (BC).

15. Perry (BC), Odzakov (Mak).
14. Burke (N), Henderson (Marc), Bryant (C).

13. Davidson (SM), Hozoswzki (C), Stewart (BL).
12. Stone (St.G), Sproul (WA), Spanos (H'berg), Dunleavy (W).

11. Greedy, Skeen (St.G), Murphy (SM), O'Connor, Vilesttra (W), Campbell (Mak).
10. Lowe (N), McGachey, Dunn (WA), Patikas (SO), Carroll (JUST).

Top scorers:
4. Mountford (N), Egan (SM).
3. Redmond (C), Koarmine (SC), Luchoch (Mak).



Brisbane City's Bill Wilkinson (centre) wins a header against Makedonia's Gary Ward (left). At right is Bobby Hamilton. Photo by CARLOS PICASSO.

Prospects for the Mars Bar kid

NEW SPONSORS: Charlie Egan has a sweet tooth, being more than partial to Mars Bars Tim-Tams, Eskimo Pies, chocolate Teddybears etc. Last Wednesday night, while watching T.V., the wee man ate sixteen Mars Bars. Later on he complained of a sore stomach, was rushed to the Alfred Hospital, was X-rayed and there wasn't a tooth-mark on any of them. Charlie should make a fortune this year, because he has been offered sponsorship by Rowntree's, Arnott's and Peters Ice-cream to name a few. In fact I heard Red Tulip have offered him a fantastic job circumcising the jelly babies. He should take it because he could make a good "skin". Arnott's have also offered him a great position in public relations. His job will be arranging picnics for the chocolate Teddy Bears.

CANDID CAMERA: Did you watch the telecast of the Hellas-Heidelberg game? Quote from our friendly commentator (it was either Brian Moore, Hugh Johns, Arthur Montford or Laurie Schwab) "Alan Davidson has just

cleared off the line with an overhead bicycle shot."

FORMATION TEAM: Albion Rovers have started doing aerobics (exercising to music). We may not be able to match teams with skill but we will dance the feet off them. It could add a whole new image to our game. Can you just imagine it? "Ladies and Gentlemen, we would like to welcome you to the Selwyn Park Palais. Representing Albion will be Gerry Rellly, Frank MacLeod — (Footrot), Kenny Smart, Mick D'Sylva (Waltz), Benny Ferrie, Lars Murphy — (Quickstep)." Beautiful! How about this? Albion looked radiant in powder blue with a million sequins which the boys sewed on themselves. Okay, Victor, strike up! Here we go, boys 1-2, 1-2-3-4.

THE RACE: Last week we left Bobby (or is it Robert) Russell settled on his blocks, waiting for the starter's gun. "Ready, cried the starter. "Hold it!" yelled Bobby, stepping off his blocks. Things weren't right. His "wellies" didn't feel snug

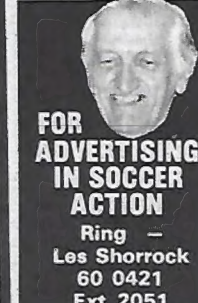
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'Roos could use Yankos

**Heidelberg 1
Syd. City 0**

Goal: Valentine 12th.
Venue: Olympic Village
Crowd: about 3000
Referee: Stewart Mellings

Cautions: O'Connor (SC), McKie (H), Kosmina (SC).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Oliver 7 — McKie 9, Yankos 9, MacLeod 8, O'Connor 8, Salomidi 8, Vincent 7, Juan Toro 7 (Lee 79th) — Campbell 5, Barnes 5, Valentine 8.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 8 — Mullen 6 (Gomez 5, Sirdal, Robertson 8, O'Connor 8, Bruce 7 — Watson 9, Soussias 7, Cant 7 Murray 8 — Kosmina 7, Barnes 7.

When, oh when will Charlie Yankos be called into the national squad? He's standing out among Australia's very best defenders like a colossus among giants — thoroughly unbeatable in the air, ruthlessly uncompromising, tough as nails and totally unflappable as Murray Barnes discovered in a tangle during which Barnes threw the ball at him, Yankos gave him a head-butt and then patted him on the back of the head with a big smile as referee Mellings had a word to both of them.

Sydney City, despite its awesome reputation as league champions for the past three years, certainly was at a loss against Yankos and his well-matched defence.

The victory maintained Heidelberg's recent superiority over Sydney City, and lifted the Bergers to second position, two points behind West Adelaide Hellas.

Last year, Heidelberg beat Sydney City twice, also by the score of 1-0.

But the match was ruined as a spectacle by a very strong wind blowing straight down the ground. High balls went astray and the passing on both sides was sloppy.

The wind probably contributed to the Sydney City defence.



Laurie Schwab

sive mistakes that led to the winning goal in the 12th minute. Steve O'Connor miskicked on the left, and the ball went high into the air and was blown backwards. Kevin Mullen was under it, but failed to control it properly, leaving Mike Valentine to dart from behind Mullen and take the ball goalward. Todd Clarke was well off his line as Valentine

launched a 20-metre shot, high into the net.

Scott Patterson played his first game for Heidelberg following his \$5,000 transfer from State League Club Box Hill and was most impressive on the forward line.

He also came back when necessary to lend his height and strength to the Heidelberg defence.

But the real stars were centre back Yankos full backs Ian McKie and John Spanos as well as forward Valentine.

It was an even match but Sydney City's two strikers, Murray Barnes and John Kosmina, did not combine well together.

Kosmina was marked closely by Don MacLeod and resorted to some hard tactics in

trying to break the Heidelberg defence.

Heidelberg had the wind advantage in the first half and after Valentine had scored Juan Toro should have netted another two but failed at close range.

However, credit should be given to Clarke, who came quickly off his line on a number of occasions to block Heidelberg attackers, including Toro.

Sydney City, with Joe Watson having an inspired game, surged forward with the wind in the second half but did not really manage any shots that looked like going in.

Barnes tried a couple and Kosmina had one attempt but Heidelberg remained dangerous when it went forward.



Scott Patterson

GRANT LEE MAKES KB DEBUT

**Newcastle 1
APIA 0**

Score: Mountford 70th.
Venue: International Sports Centre.
Crowd: 2403.
Referee: Tim Davis 8.
Cautions: 83rd Carter (APIA); 62nd Jones (N).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Gosling 7, Meier 6, Burke 8, Watson 8, H. Tredinick 8, Lee 7, Mason 6, Senkalski 7, Jones 6, Lowe 7, Mountford 7 (Buckley 60th).

APIA LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 7, Carter 7, Mariani 7, Bertagna 7, Gray 8, Bradley 8, Butler 8, P. Tredinick 7, Morzallo 7, Valeri 6, De Ceglie 7.

Leichhardt came to Newcastle for the third time in less than two months (a pre season trial, the NSL cup and this match) for the same fruitless result.

Taking the field without star striker Boz Giampolo, out with a groin injury, APIA was



Joe Lanzoni

very much like a toothless tiger.

Most of the good work done by busy midfielders Bradley, Butler and Peter Tredinick was wasted because of the lack of a good finisher.

Newcastle on the other hand played more direct, possibly less technical football, but certainly created more clear cut chances but its forwards also can be accused of failing to capitalize.

Nevertheless, the game was quite open and entertaining without reaching great technical heights.

Newcastle introduced new signing Grant Lee and the former Youth Soccerer striker acquitted himself very well and promised to be a valuable

addition to the Newcastle squad.

The first chance for Newcastle came early in the game when a great switch of play by Joe Senkalski opened up the left side of the field for overlapping fullback Howard Tredinick and his cross from the byline found Lowe totally unmarked but his header sailed over the bar.

This was followed by another golden chance missed by the locals, this time it was Mountford who lifted the ball over the bar off a Senkalski corner.

APIA was restarting with

Airdrie star for Lions

Airdrie midfielder Jim McDonagh was expected to arrive in Australia this week and is likely to be rushed into the Brisbane Lions team against Footscray J.U.S.T. on Saturday.

Lions secured McDonagh when it agreed to pay a \$4000 transfer fee.

According to programs McDonagh has been sending Lions officials over the past few months, the Scotsman has been playing an attacking mid-field role for Airdrie but Lions coach Simon Kistemaker almost certainly will try him as a midfield lynchpin.

Lions badly have needed an experienced head in the centre of the park this season, to accompany the brilliance of young Russell Stewart and Steve Hogg, and Kistemaker is likely to ask McDonagh to play deeper than he has been with Airdrie and help stabilise the Lions team.

At one stage Lions considered trying to sign former Heidelberg sweeper John Yzenoorn for this position but lost out to South Melbourne in the transfer negotiations.

Lions have had considerable success with Scottish players in recent seasons and are confident McDonagh will continue the trend. Billy Williamson was a huge success in his first half-season, and although he had a lean season last year he is now back to his best with Brisbane City. Bobby Ferris was another good buy and he played in a number of positions for Lions.

Actually it was the departure of Williamson on loan to City that enabled Lions to import another visa player. Had he stayed with Lions, Williamson, along with Mark Atmore — who is on the transfer list — and Boudewijn de Geer would have been the club's three visa players.

But the ASF recently ruled that while playing at City, Williamson was considered that club's visa player — which in turn has prevented City from playing its new Yugoslav signing Hadzissusovic Sabbaz Saklja in the NSL, although as yet his form does not warrant it.

Atmore has trialled at several clubs but as late as two weeks into the new Premier League competition still had not settled at a Brisbane club.

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**St. George 2
SM-Hellas 0**

Venue: St George Stadium
Crowd: 4120
Referee: Boskovic 9.
Score: Slater (SG) 13 min, Barton (SH) 49 min.

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 9 — Skoen 9, Ratcliffe 8, M.O'Shea 8, R.O'Shea 7 — Barton 8, J.O'Shea 8, Stone 8, Slary 7, Muskovic 8, Marton 7 (Wilson 77th).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumata 5 — Russell 7, Blair 6, Xanthopoulos 6, Davidson 7 — Holward 6, Grino 6, Murphy 6 — Brown 5, Egan 5, Wooddin 5 (Yzenoorn 66th).



Peter Scott

A favorite of the local crowds, young Hungarian-born striker John Muskovic, made a major nuisance of himself up front but narrowly failed on a number of occasions to convert gilt-edged chances into goals.

David Skeen had a magnificent match in the defence, constantly blocking off Hellas attempts at raids on the Budapest goal, and almost in the same breath launching stormy counter attacks down the flank.

The midfield was crowded, as the Victorians tried to breach the defensive wall in the middle, but the rest of the defence, led by David Ratcliffe, was impenetrable. Peter Stone also had a major part in Budapest's total dominance of the visitors, playing a skilful role in the axis of his side.

The strikers roamed and wandered almost at will, but veteran marksman Dez Marton found his match on the left wing in opposing full-back Bobby Russell.

It was no surprise to see him switched to the other flank in the second half, and he was much more prominent, coming close to scoring in the 56th and 61st minutes.

Indicative of the total eclipse of Hellas was that we had to wait until the 77th minute, before Charlie Egan had a chance to score.

After bubbling over, naturally, and said that "Sooner or later the gods had to smile on us".

"We have been playing well, but not putting the ball in the net. What's more we should have scored several more goals against Hellas."

As for Rasic, he was a bitter and disappointed man, blaming too many games in a week, "enemies" in the crowd and Ark's "spending spree" last year, also mentioning in passing that the Saints were better on the day. And that sums it up more than adequately.

With Mark Koussas free on one side and Patterson on the other and only one player in front of them, Patikas opted for Koussas but his pass finished in the safe hands of Nigel Lownds.

Barry Kelso almost surprised Olympic with a chip shot with some 15 minutes to go. It looked as if the ball was going to find its target but Meier managed to dive backwards in a desperate attempt, flicking the ball away to safety.

Ricky Herbert, celebrating his 22nd birthday could have made this a memorable occasion for himself after being presented with a loose ball some seven metres from the net but misused and the ball came off a Lions defender and straight at Lownds.

Alex Vesic



ziling drive from 30 metres, then 10 minutes into the half it looked curtains for Olympic as Daint flicked the ball to Hogg from a throw-in. A fierce shot followed but Gary Meier made a splendid save to keep the scoreline blank.

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Strangely enough, the local crowd took to the result as well as the stuff displayed with the apathy of a devotee who knows that his side is as temperamental as any of the supporters.

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Victims of the China curse

The Socceros' 1979 tour of China appears to have had a curse on it.

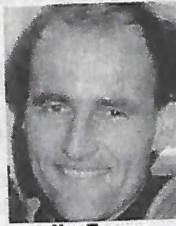
No less than nine of those tourists were to suffer serious injuries which would keep them out of the game for long periods.

The players are: Greg Woodhouse, Marty Crook, Steve Perry, Jim Tansey, Joe Senkalski, Tony Henderson, Gary Cole, Ken Boden and Tommy Cumming.

Of those, Crook, Cole and Tansey are out of action at the moment — Tansey for the second time. He had a major knee operation and now he has a broken arm.

Senkalski started the string of injuries on the 1979 tour. He was unable to play so the then coach, Rudi Gutendorf, sent him home from Peking.

Cumming missed two years of soccer due to a pelvic injury and is only now returning to his best.



Jim Tansey

Medals and one Bill Fleming Medal, Cumming played 12 games for Australia and 13 for Victoria before being injured. Playing as a striker, Cumming scored two goals in Croatia's recent 4-0 victory over Wilhelmia, and now is confident that not only will Croatia win the championship, but that he will force his way back into the national squad.

Laurie Schwab.

Fawknar wants Kondarios, Paton scores in first game

Foots JUST 1 Canberra 0

Scorer: Paton 44m.
Ground: Schindler Reserve.
Attendance: 2000.
Referee: J. Fearn 9.
Cautions: Tutill.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 6; Curovic 7, Kyriakoulas 7, Tutill 8, Hazabent 6; Taylor 6, Belic 8, Carroll 9; Paton 8, MacLeod 7 (Sinic 67m), Lujic 6.

Fawknar, fast becoming a haven for former JUST players made an approach for disgruntled Footscray captain Jim Kondarios on Monday.

Coach Cedo Cirakovic is keen to add Kondarios to his side since he has lost Les Gooney from his defence for most of the season with a bad ligament injury.

Kondarios is uncertain whether to hang up his boots or join another club but definitely has played his last game for JUST.

He was dropped from the side on Sunday mainly on the recommendation of the committee which took exception to comments he made during the week about the club and the coach.

Kondarios had said he was sick of losing and could not see any improvement in the team. The coach was getting rid of all the old players and Kondarios added he wasn't going to stick around and wait for his turn.

The centreback brought his gear, expecting to play, but ended up watching the match from his car.

Igor Hazabent took over the captaincy in his absence, but the men who provided the inspiration for the victory were Joe Carroll, Vlatko Belic and Jamie Paton, bought from Heidelberg for \$3000 during the week.

Paton had an impressive debut, scoring one goal and having a second disallowed apparently for offside.

He showed some of the confidence of old to break clear on a great through pass by Belic and then slotting the ball away calmly past the advancing Steve Hoszowski into the far corner of the net.

The goal came at the crucial closing minute of the first half after JUST had held out with comparative ease everything Canberra could throw at them despite playing against a gale force wind blowing down the length of the park.

Belic, apart from setting up the goal with a full run out of defence and his telling pass, gave JUST bite in the middle of the park and combined well with Carroll to totally overshadow Canberra's star-studded midfield.

Canberra coach, George Murray summed up the situation best, saying his side didn't compete.

"We did not even force one corner and only had one shot at goal — Footscray really should have gone into the lead earlier."

"I thought we were terrible but full marks to Footscray — they took one of the few chances they had and deserved to win it."

Asked if Canberra might be starting another relegation battle right in the face, Murray said, "On that performance certainly but we're playing without four key players. We'll be a different side when they return."

The Arrows started without winger Tony Brennan, who had a recurrence of his ankle ligaments injury after last week's NSL Cup game against South Melbourne Hellas, and still have George Christopoulos, Frank Farina, and Paul Ontong sidelined.

On Sunday Duncan Cole, the side's best player in the first half, added his name to the casualty list, pulling out

Peter Desira

during the break with hamstring problems.

Canberra's forward line, which until two weeks ago had made the club the highest scorer in the league, was completely lost despite facing a totally reshuffled Footscray back line.

Paton headed the ball into the net in the 66th minute from another good cross by Belic but the goal was disallowed, apparently for offside.

MacLeod, who battled hard all afternoon, was surprisingly taken off soon after and Jim Murray must have breathed a sigh of relief.

Bobby McLachlan was pleased with the 100 per cent effort of every player in the team but is not getting carried away by the result.

Henderson as good as ever

Adel City 1 Marconi 0

Scorer: Mullen 78th.
Cautions: Budini, Rozzotto (Marconi); Cole (Adelaide City).

Referee: Don Campbell 8.
Ground: Olympic Sports Field.
Crowd: 1800.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 7, B. Nyshokus 8, Banfield 6, Shillabeer 6, Cole 7, Mola 6, Northcote 6 (Nyshokus 68th), Dods 6 — Maxwell 8, Mullen 8, Carter 6.

MARCONI: James 7 — Rozzotto 7, Henderson 9, McCulloch 9, Bozanic 7, Budini 7, Sormanni 8, Carbone 8 — Hunter 7, Jankovics 7, Giannone 6 (Djordjevic 68th).

Marconi, which had appeared as if it would enjoy a successful season, stumbled yet again, this time falling to Adelaide City at Olympic Sports Field.

A 78th minute strike from Joe Mullen gave the Adelaide club its second win and put it within striking distance of the top four.

In retrospect, Marconi deserved at least a point, but a fatal error which allowed Steve Maxwell to cut into the penalty area and slip past to the unmarked Mullen was enough to separate the sides.

With only four points from five games, coach Doug Collins will be under enormous pressure to produce results in the next few weeks or he could become the first casualty of the season.

Ironically, Collins' Marconi confront the coach's former team Sydney Olympic on Sunday.

Adelaide City looked vastly improved from its previous home game against Brisbane Lions, which it won 2-1.

City looked far more compact and in the opening 20 minutes gave the appearance of a side ready for the kill.

But this is a familiar City trait. The team usually enjoys a comfortable opening then its game begins to decay.

That is what happened against Marconi, but the Sydney side could not punish



Jim Kondarios



Joe Carroll



Jamie Paton

Christchurch gets Boath

New Zealand International Allan Boath has decided against joining Footscray J.U.S.T. Instead he has signed a two-year contract with Christchurch Mogo United.

Boath, who spent last season at West Adelaide, has been training with Christchurch since his return from South Australia early in the New Year.

Contractual difficulties arose though and these, along with the hard-working defender's own midfields' pronounced preference for NSL soccer, prompted speculation that his career would continue in Australia.

United manager Terry Conley was therefore justifiably elated when Boath finally put pen to paper, stating: "I am relieved the matter is over and done with and Allan is now a United player."

Boath, captain of the Kiwis in their recent clashes with Australia, should prove a valuable acquisition for the Canterbury club.

—PAUL MOON



Meno Tousidis

City when it had the opportunity.

Mark Jankovics had a glorious chance to put Marconi ahead when he turned and slammed a shot past McNally only to see Paul Shillabeer clear off the line.

And early in the second half Jankovics cut back the ball to Carbone who thanked his colleague by thumping it over the bar.

Jankovics may have finally put Marconi into the lead moments later but City's new signing from Azzurri Phil Cole dragged him from behind as the soccer squad striker was ready to stride into a vacant penalty area.

Referee Don Campbell booked Cole but the defender deserved to be sent off in his first NSL match.

Adelaide City, though, had the best chance to score and could have done so as early as the second minute when Mullen just failed to get a touch to a Maxwell pass.

Later, Marconi keeper Brian James blocked a Maxwell strike and then Henderson cleared off the line to thwart Mella's header.

In the end though it came down to Marconi's hesitant defence allowing Maxwell the time and space to create the chance for Mullen.

While Maxwell looks certain to make Les Scheinflug's Youth Soccer squad, Mullen has done enough to get a recall after withdrawing from the Costa Rica elimination series because of injury in a Soccerco practice match.

Meanwhile, critics who scoffed at Tony Henderson's reclusion in the senior Soccerco squad will not be delighted to hear that Henderson was quite superb.

The former Soccerco captain played as well as I have seen him and his influence on Youth Soccerco plays Tom McCulloch, who plays alongside him, is quite apparent.

'Bunch of cheats,' says Ollerton

Brisb. City 3 Makedonia 1

Scorer: BC: Hamilton 57th, Tokes 76th, McMillan 85th, own goal; M: Lucchesi 16th.

Venue: Spencer Park.
Cautions: BC: Hamilton, Mak: Campbell.
Crowd: About 1800.
Referee: Gordon Nicholson 4.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7, Perry 8, Kowart 7, Tokes 8, Wilkinson 7, Hamilton 7, Pimblett 6, Williamson 6, Hughes 7, Gockner 7, Cairney 8.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 5, Petrovski 6, Jones 7, Ollerton 7, McMillan 5, Iloski 7, Livingston 7, Ozdakov 6, Lucchesi 7, Ward 7, Campbell 8.

A 45 metre goal from George McMillan, a dismal display from goalkeeper Richard Wilson and a refusal by Peter Ollerton to talk to the local media after the game were among the incidents of a disappointing 1-3 loss by Preston Makedonia to Brisbane City at Spencer Park.

Makedonia went one goal ahead early in the match, and although many refereeing decisions went against them including a penalty, they failed to capitalise on their advantage and were slowly broken apart by the tireless Brisbane City.

But the own goal was the incident that most people talked about after the game.

Makedonia was trailing 1-2 with five minutes to go when McMillan tackled City striker Stephen Gockner just inside his own half. It was uncertain whether McMillan was trying to kick the ball back to Wilson or just clear it but he appeared to strike it with all his force and it rocketed down the field and into the top left hand corner of the net.

But that itself put a question mark over Wilson's performance. It was the third goal of the match that could have been saved if the former New Zealand international had been more dominant in the air.

It is understandable that a keeper could be clearly beaten from close range but not about

Amey's out of the wilderness

By PAUL MOON

After spending three of the past four years in the comparative wilderness of State League soccer, West Adelaide's Bill Amey is now back in the highest grade of football available within Australia; a stage many believe to be far more suited to his talents.

English-born Amey, a distinguished performer at schoolboy level, commenced his senior career with Southend United, first as an apprentice and graduated to full professional, but was unable to win a first team place.

Released on a free transfer in 1974, he was recruited by Christchurch United and became a vital member of, arguably, New Zealand's finest ever club combination.

Captained by former England youth international Ken France, United also boasted Roy Drinkwater, Tom Randies, Ian Park, Phil Dando, Steve Sumner and Mark McNaughton.

During Amey's stay United won the coveted Chatham Cup three times and the Rothmans' National League once. In addition, it became the first Kiwi club to defeat a major overseas touring team when Scotland's Hearts of Midlothian succumbed 1-4.

Amey also appeared at representative level — playing for Canterbury against New Zealand under-21 (2-2), Luton Town (1-3), Glasgow Rangers (2-2), Middlesbrough (0-2) and Hertha Berlin (2-1).

During the long-striding, hard-ackling player's initial campaign with the "Kams", their cross city rivals, New Brighton, were coached by Alan Vest, who placed him high on his wanted list when building the original Newcastle KB United four years later.

Amey crossed the Tasman, rejoining Dando and Drinkwater, who had moved to Northern New South Wales from Brisbane Lions, and contributed a great deal to one of the most exciting chapters in the PSL's short history.

Newcastle KB United did not win any major trophy in 1978, but its exciting football proved a major talking point of that domestic season, as did the stunning attendances at the International Sports Centre.

Amey made 17 league appearances for KB, gaining much praise for his solid reliability.

It was surprising, therefore, that he dropped into the State Leagues, though still producing plenty of class in unsophisticated surroundings, establishing himself as a favorite with the supporters of Stewart and Lloyds and Blacktown City in particular.

He made a brief return to PSL soccer with Blacktown in 1980, but was restricted to eight games before returning to lesser fare.

Now Vest has brought him back to the big time. The 28 year old could well be, at \$500, the bargain buy of the season.

Amey's ball-winning ability has served him well at full back, however his cultured left foot probably will be utilised in midfield. A free kick specialist, he also will be eager to add to his goals tally.

—PAUL MOON

'Bunch of cheats,' says Ollerton

Brisb. City 3 Makedonia 1

Scorer: BC: Hamilton 57th, Tokes 76th, McMillan 85th, own goal; M: Lucchesi 16th.

Venue: Spencer Park.
Cautions: BC: Hamilton, Mak: Campbell.
Crowd: About 1800.
Referee: Gordon Nicholson 4.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7, Perry 8, Kowart 7, Tokes 8, Wilkinson 7, Hamilton 7, Pimblett 6, Williamson 6, Hughes 7, Gockner 7, Cairney 8.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 5, Petrovski 6, Jones 7, Ollerton 7, McMillan 5, Iloski 7, Livingston 7, Ozdakov 6, Lucchesi 7, Ward 7, Campbell 8.

A 45 metre goal from George McMillan, a dismal display from goalkeeper Richard Wilson and a refusal by Peter Ollerton to talk to the local media after the game were among the incidents of a disappointing 1-3 loss by Preston Makedonia to Brisbane City at Spencer Park.

Makedonia went one goal ahead early in the match, and although many refereeing decisions went against them including a penalty, they failed to capitalise on their advantage and were slowly broken apart by the tireless Brisbane City.

But the own goal was the incident that most people talked about after the game.

Makedonia was trailing 1-2 with five minutes to go when McMillan tackled City striker Stephen Gockner just inside his own half. It was uncertain whether McMillan was trying to kick the ball back to Wilson or just clear it but he appeared to strike it with all his force and it rocketed down the field and into the top left hand corner of the net.

But that itself put a question mark over Wilson's performance. It was the third goal of the match that could have been saved if the former New Zealand international had been more dominant in the air.

It is understandable that a keeper could be clearly beaten from close range but not about

Watch the Wollongong Midfielders



Philip Micallef

Wollongong 1 West Adel 1

Venue: Zions Park
Crowd: 2500
Scorer: Atsalas (WA) 69th, Ainsworth (W) 88th

Referee: Ramsey 5.
WOLLONGONG: Preston 7 — Willis 7, Vilesttra 8, Dunleavy 7, Pollard 7 — McGreen 6 (Waldron 71st), Fleming 7, Ainsworth 7, Kerr 7 — Cotton 7, O'Connor 7.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 8 — McGregor 6, Hiern 7, McGachay 6, Dunn 7 — Amey 7, Atsalas 6, Brennan 6 — Honeyman 6, Wormley 6, Hays 7.

In a tough and uncompromising clash, Jeff Ainsworth scored his first ever goal for Wollongong, which enabled his side to snatch a draw against the championship leader, West Adelaide.

West had taken the lead 24 minutes into the second half when Atsalas beat Preston with a diagonal shot.

But Wollongong, still struggling to hit its best form, reacted strongly to this setback from Atsalas and scored an equaliser only four minutes from time.

The match was no classic — at times it was even tedious — but in the second half the visitors, goal sparked off an action-packed finish.

Both goalkeepers, Preston and Sproul, had a satisfactory afternoon and made spectacular saves off Honeyman and Kerr respectively.

Two young defenders also had great games. Young Soccer Ray Vilesttra came out with flying colours from his duel with big, strong Paul Wormley, while South Australian Brendon Hiern gave a good account of himself against a lively O'Connor.

In what is becoming a familiar pattern at Zions Park, the opposition is casting too much attention on the two Wolves strikers, O'Connor and Cotton.

But Wollongong has now resigned itself to the fact that it will most probably be up to the midfielders to get the goals.

West Adelaide was surprised on several occasions by sudden incursions by the Wollongong midfielders into the penalty area. McGreen, Fleming, Kerr and Ainsworth all had shots at goal when the two strikers created space for them.

And, of course, the Wollongong equaliser came from midfielder Ainsworth.

OPINION: Wolves coach Willie Wallace had already given up hope of getting any points from this match. "It's nice to feel we got out of jail for once," he said.

"We were terrible but fortunately West Adelaide was not very impressive either."

West Adelaide coach Alan Vest was quite happy with an away point against a team he describes as "very hard to beat" but did not hide his dismay at the way his players gave the game away when everything had pointed to an important three-pointer.

"Over all we were the better side," he said.

GOALS: 69th: midfielder Atsalas, who had a quiet game, was left unmarked and in a near-offside position. He collected a misdirected shot from Brennan and beat Preston with a diagonal shot.

88th: Cotton got hold of a ball on the right wing, beat two men and sent over a cross which was met Ainsworth who headed into the net.

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IT STARTED WITH HERCULES

Northcote City was formed in 1961 as Hercules Soccer Club by the Dimokritos Social Club which wanted to expand its sporting outlets. At the time the social club ran a volleyball team and getting involved in soccer seemed a worthwhile pursuit.

The founder members were Nick Paris, Phillip Pezaros, V. Thous, K. Mastoris and Marinos Athanatos. The club changed its name, during the VSF clamp-down on "ethnic" names, to Princes Park Hercules, then became Collingwood in 1972.

After winning promotion to the First Division of the Metropolitan Leagues in 1977, it adopted its present name, and moved to John Cain Reserve, in Clarendon Street, Northcote.

Northcote was promoted to State League in 1981 to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Preston Makedonia to the National League. At the VSF board of management meeting to decide which Metro club would be promoted to State League, Northcote and Morwell Falcons were the final two contenders. The Northerners won of course, Morwell joining State League ranks the following year.

Northcote finished its first State League season in 9th place in the then 12-team competition. The following year, 1982, State League was increased to 14 teams. Northcote had a dismal season, finishing in second last place and seemed destined to return to Metro ranks.

However, the merger between Sunshine and George Cross created a vacancy in the league. The VSF, realising the amazing potential of the Greek-sponsored club, decided to preserve Northcote's State League status, a move which should reap rich rewards for Victorian soccer over the next few years.

Northcote City, from left, back row: Alex Vidacic, Colin Quigley, Craig Nisbet, George Mihos, Jim Sahinidis, Sammy Wright, John Creany, Chris Ketsakidis, Front row: Steve Moore, John Giannopoulos, Mark Wilson, Branko Culina, Peter Constantinou. Missing: George Bozikis, Jeff Gorman.



Licensed club in \$1.75m. facelift

Northcote City's home ground, John Cain Reserve, is undergoing a \$1.75 million facelift which will turn it into one of the major soccer complexes in Australia.

The project should be completed by 1985. Floodlighting will be updated this year. It will be "similar to the Olympic Park lights but even stronger," according to publicity officer Steve Williams.

Already a main grandstand is near completion. It seats 1,114 spectators under cover. Tenders will be called soon for a huge social club to be built underneath the grandstand. It

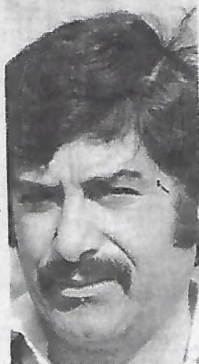
will incorporate facilities to comfortably cater for 300 people. It will include a modern kitchen, a dance hall, a bar, a VIP room, billiard room and club offices.

"There will be no problem getting a full liquor licence and we anticipate opening the social club every day and providing first class meals," said Williams.

Under-covering terracing on the outer side of the ground will be a feature of the complex.

Parking for 1500 cars also in part of the project as are four supplementary grounds and a \$75,000 electronic scoreboard. Both areas behind the goals will be developed and used for advertising space.

It's an ambitious project but irrefutable evidence of the progressive thinking of Northcote City soccer club and the Northcote council.



Meet the man who runs the juniors

Emmanuel Himonas (left) is Northcote City's junior director. The club runs 10 junior teams.



They showed the way

Two teams that hold a prominent place in Northcote's history. Top right: The side that won the Victorian Federation Cup in 1979, and, at right: Northcote's 1981 team in the club's first State League season.

BACK ROW: Kris Kalifatidis (from Hellas, 1981), Philip Palusso (Moonsea Ponds, 1978), Spiro Tsatsos (George Cross, 1979), George Bozikis (Hellas, 1979), Sakis Sahinidis (Heldberg, 1980), Mirko Rujovic (JUST, 1981), Con Dimopoulos (Altona Gata, 1980), Takis Tachiris (Clifton Hill, 1980), Mike Stogiannou (Western Suburbs, 1979).

FRONT ROW: Giovanni Battistotto (Hellas, 1979), Jim Loukas (from Juniors), Con Fakos (Doveyton, 1980), Con Ignatidis (Altona, 1978), Mark Karabetsos (Kastoria, Greece, 1980), Bill Gatsonis (Hellas Juniors, 1978).



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GOING TO

BUILDING THE BEST TEAM IN VICTORIA

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Tony Vrzina could be in his last stint as a senior coach and he's determined to finish his senior career with a bang.

"Once Northcote gets its clubrooms operating to full capacity, the club will give me the green light to go out and build the best team in Victoria," said Vrzina.

"This club has enormous potential. Later this season I'll sit down with my committee and we'll work out a long-term contract for me which could be a first for Australian soccer.

"If things work out I'll probably be here for three or four years. Hopefully, by then we will have achieved our goal. People will look up to us and respect us. Then my job will be done. I'll give senior coaching away and get involved in the area I most enjoy—the juniors."

Vrzina was offered a top coaching job in Victoria late last year. He refused. He won't name the club because it told the man who got its coaching job that he was the man they wanted. He was appointed after Vrzina turned down the club in question.

Vrzina seriously believes that he has made the right choice. His immediate task at Northcote is to cut the wages bill from last year's sum of just over \$70,000 to \$65,000 in 1983. He also has to get better results. Both goals seem at odds with each other. Often an increased wages bill is commensurate with success. However, Vrzina is confident of achieving his goals.

"Last year we spent a lot of money for a very poor return. That won't be the case in 1983. I'll see to that."

"Buying and selling players is my sole responsibility, as are all player contracts. I also advise my committee on promotional and budgetary matters. We have cut down on signing-on fees yet already it is obvious that this

Top coach Tony Vrzina signs seven new players in spectacular team improvement

year's team is better than last year's.

"We have got to get rid of a few old debts. The committee must be run along more businesslike lines. People must realise that this is not simply a family affair we're running. The club must be bigger than the individuals."

It's no secret that Northcote hasn't had the most stable committee set-up in recent history. That's changed, so Vrzina's forecast of success in the near future carries some weight.

He is the architect of a massive publicity campaign to be run soon in the local area. Northcote will print 80,000 club newspapers to be distributed to locals before a home game in the first half of this season. The papers will include a questionnaire dealing with local attitudes to soccer and specific-

ally to Northcote soccer club. Membership coupons also will be part of this revolutionary club newspaper, as will free tickets to Northcote's home games. Sponsors will provide prizes for spectators on match day. The concept is a first for Victoria's State League.

"The potential of this soccer area hasn't been tapped," said Vrzina.

"We plan to give spectators excitement, something to watch and enjoy. We plan to lift our membership to close to 500 and to increase our average home gate by 40 percent. Last year our crowds were low. That has to change. It will change as we adopt modern promotional techniques and realise the communal potential of our club."

"Being a Greek sponsored club means that we have to fight with Hellas and Alexander for

support yet I can see us developing into a club with as much glamour as these other Greek giants."

Socrates Papadopoulos, the mayor of Northcote, and Peter Plemenos, financial director of the club, met Vrzina last November. The trio went to Northcote's home ground at John Cain Reserve and discussed the \$11.75 million project to develop the ground into a major soccer complex. The local council, well aware of the importance of soccer to the local community, wants to make John Cain Reserve a showpiece for the sport in Victoria. Understandably, Vrzina was impressed.

Northcote already is far better off financially than at the same time last year. The club made about \$10,000 from a pre-season tournament and friendly games. Vrzina has brought Branko Culina (from St Albans Dinamo), John Creany (Albion Rovers), Steve Moore (Western Suburbs), Colin Quigley (Slavia), Jim Sahinidis (South Oakleigh) and Northern Irish imports Jeff Gorman and Mark Wilson to the club this year. Gorman has returned to Northern Ireland for family reasons but should be back soon.

"When I talk to a prospective player it's his attitude that makes an impression upon me. The player must want to come to us. He must be aware that we now are a very progressive club. If the first few words we exchange concern money then I quickly lose interest," said Vrzina.

"John Creany's attitude is exemplary. If he's down during a game, he never stops trying to urge himself and his team mates on. I admire that. Jim Sahinidis and Branko Culina's attitudes are improving. By the end of the

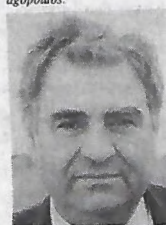


Northcote coach Tony Vrzina

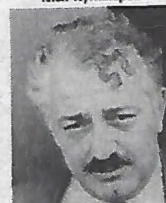
Top men on committee

The committee which has the task of guiding Northcote to financial security and on-field success consists of some of the leading businessmen in the Northcote area. The committee is:

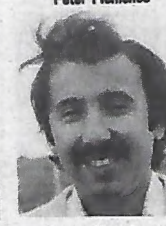
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Nick Kyriakopoulos



Peter Plemenos



George Karastavrou



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Our council has been tremendously supportive. Indeed, I can think of no other metropolitan council which has thrown its weight behind a local soccer

body to the extent of Northcote city council.

The help given us by our local council is greatly appreciated and we hope that our close association can continue for many years to come.

I openly congratulate the council on its outstanding contribution to sport in the local area, soccer in particular.

Yours in sport,
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Goals and sadness as Fawcner fires

SUNSHINE-GEORGE
ROSE 3 (Ellis 1st, McCann 3rd, Gilder 5th) FAWCNER (B. Sabidussi 1st, Palinkas 9th, 4th, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th) Chaplin Reserve, Sunday.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS:
Contest 4 - B. Sabidussi 8, McCann 6, Lewis 4 (Inf. Campbell 10th), McCann 4 - P. Fawcner 4, Scott 5 - Gilder 6, 8th 4, Taylor 6. Coach: Timmy Traynor.

FAWCNER: P. Sabidussi 7, Fawcner 7, Taylor 7, 8th 7, 9th 7, 10th 7, 11th 7, 12th 7, 13th 7, 14th 7, 15th 7, 16th 7, 17th 7, 18th 7, 19th 7, 20th 7, 21st 7, 22nd 7, 23rd 7, 24th 7, 25th 7, 26th 7, 27th 7, 28th 7, 29th 7, 30th 7, 31st 7, 32nd 7, 33rd 7, 34th 7, 35th 7, 36th 7, 37th 7, 38th 7, 39th 7, 40th 7, 41st 7, 42nd 7, 43rd 7, 44th 7, 45th 7, 46th 7, 47th 7, 48th 7, 49th 7, 50th 7, 51st 7, 52nd 7, 53rd 7, 54th 7, 55th 7, 56th 7, 57th 7, 58th 7, 59th 7, 60th 7, 61st 7, 62nd 7, 63rd 7, 64th 7, 65th 7, 66th 7, 67th 7, 68th 7, 69th 7, 70th 7, 71st 7, 72nd 7, 73rd 7, 74th 7, 75th 7, 76th 7, 77th 7, 78th 7, 79th 7, 80th 7, 81st 7, 82nd 7, 83rd 7, 84th 7, 85th 7, 86th 7, 87th 7, 88th 7, 89th 7, 90th 7, 91st 7, 92nd 7, 93rd 7, 94th 7, 95th 7, 96th 7, 97th 7, 98th 7, 99th 7, 100th 7.

It rained goals, impatience, sadness and joy at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday as home team Sunshine-George Cross and visitor Fawcner staged an eight goal feast with Fawcner triumphing 5-3.

The combine's supporters aren't happy. They don't seem capable of being patient until new coach Tommy Traynor can weed out the deadwood in his first team squad. Apparently Traynor hasn't been short of advice from all sectors of the club and this isn't making his task any easier. Traynor discussed these teething problems with president Ali Zahra on Monday.

While the combine's fans were bitterly disappointed, it was quite the opposite for Italian sponsored Fawcner which chalked up its first ever State League win. Let's document the scoring in this remarkable clash:

1-0: Within 49 seconds of the kick-off Sunshine-George Cross is rocked back onto its heels. Bruno Sabidussi doesn't connect cleanly with a shot after a cross from the right. Bruno Cazzella, signed by Fawcner from Footscray J.U.S.T. for \$2,000 last week, knocks the ball back in. This time Sabidussi makes no mistake with a shot from six metres.

1-1: Steve Ellis, strangely seen in a striking role alongside Carl Gilder, left his fly from 25 metres with a stunning shot which sent the ball flying into the roof of the net.

properly. The Swedish deal fell through. Arfon Griffiths had been Smallman's team mate at Wrexham in the early 1970s. He was manager of Wrexham in 1980 and brought Smallman back to Racecourse Road. Smallman and Griffiths decided that within six months the ex-Everton star would be fit enough to play in the first team. Two months, 14 reserve games and 11 goals later Griffiths changed his mind and wanted to put Smallman into the first team sooner. However, again Smallman was struck down by injury, this time two broken ribs. When he was fit the directors pressured Griffiths into letting Smallman go. Not long after the talented midfielder left Wrexham and joined Bangor City in the Northern Premier League, Griffiths was sacked.

At Bangor, Smallman's uncle, who lives in Melton in Victoria, contacted him and told him of the interest shown by State League club George Cross. Smallman was keen to come to Australia.

"I got in touch with George Cross and they told me that they would send me a contract but it never arrived. That was a postal strike at the time."

"Paul Lewis is twice the player he was last season. We didn't play with a midfield in 1982. We'd knock it about at the back then often play it long looking for Gus Macleod and Paul would play off him. Our two front runners this year, Paul and Bobby Tool, aren't the tallest strikers in the league so it's pointless knocking balls into the air to them. Now we play from the back four into midfield and then into feet for Bobby or Paul."

"We play better if we play a better class opponent. Look at the Ampol Cup, for instance. Sometimes we get dragged down to the level of the opposition in State League but that's something we'll work out."

Let's all keep our fingers crossed that Smallman's horror injury stretch is well behind him. A little Smallman already has emerged as one of the glamor players of State League this year, a league all too often bereft of players with his outstanding qualities.

2-1: A Joe Palinkas gem. Combine custodian Alan Contini is forced to handle outside his area. From the resulting free kick Palinkas curls the ball past the defensive wall and into the top corner.

3-1: Palinkas again. An easy task after a superb run from Cazzella and a toe poke past advancing Contini. That's the half time score.

4-1: Fawcner wins a free kick just outside the combine area. The ball is tipped short to Tony Schipano who rapped it past the helpless Contini for a superb goal.

4-2: Left back Hugh McCann, given a torrid time

by Palinkas, gets on the score-sheet when he hammers the ball home from about 18 metres.

5-2: A classic Andy Bozakis goal. Showing off his close ball skills, the former Heidelberg star turns well inside the area and thumps the ball into the roof of the net.

5-3: Little consolation for the well beaten combine side. Two minutes into added time Gilder breaks onto a good through ball by combine debutant John Stevenson, signed last week from South Melbourne Hellas, and finished well.

Belaguered Albion Rovers have signed 23-year-old Irish midfielder Gerry Clarke, and expect him to arrive here within a month.

Clarke has six Irish youth caps to his name. As a 16-year-old he was signed as an apprentice by English club Middlesbrough. Former Leeds United and Eire star, Johnny Giles, signed Clarke for Shamrock Rovers in the 1976-77 season. Clarke joined Irish League club Glenavon three seasons later.

Rovers hope to play newcomer Eddie Gray, against Ringwood Wilhelmina at Jubilee Park on Sunday. This clash is vital to the survival prospects of both clubs.

Gray, a left sided attacking player, is expected to finalise his transfer from South Melbourne Hellas this week.

"We'll beat Ringwood on Sunday, no bother, coz they're worse than us!" said Albion team manager Joe Docherty.

Polonia gets its chance to re-affirm its top four credentials when it runs into Tony Boggi's high flying Morwell Falcons at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday.

Polonia's chances depend on

its ability to shackle Falcons' strikers Noel Mitten, Bobby McGuinness and Alan Evans.

Fawcner and Croydon clash at Jukes Road on Sunday and there's little to choose between these outfits.

Fawcner's bad injury run continues. Bill Panos is in goal in place of usual number one choice, Rob Terzini, who broke a finger against Juventus two weeks ago. Rajko Curcija is battling to overcome a twisted knee and looks certain to miss another week while Milan Kojic is troubled by a back injury.

Carlo Sabidussi has another two weeks suspension to serve and brother Bruno was injured in the 10th minute against Sunshine-George Cross on Sunday and had to be replaced.

Devon still is searching for its first State League win this year and takes on the well drilled Juventus side at Waratah Reserve on Sunday. The Doves have been bolstered by the signing of Bill Buchanan from Frankston City and the return to form of Stan Webster

Schipano

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Polonia	2	1	1	5	5	5
Northcote	2	1	1	7	9	5
Fawcner	1	2	1	7	6	4
Croydon	2	0	1	5	5	4
Doveton	0	2	2	5	7	2
S. M. Hellas	0	1	3	5	10	1
Sun-G. Cross	0	1	3	4	10	1
Wilhelmina	0	1	3	3	10	1
Albion Rovers	0	1	3	0	7	1

New Rover and chance for Polonia



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

and Ian Stirton so Juventus has a battle on its hands here.

Northcote faces its second hammering in successive weeks when it travels to Green Gully Reserve to take on State League champion Ajax.

The Northerners again will be without injured sweeper George Bozakis and midfielder Stevie Moore is carrying an injury.

The young South Melbourne Hellas side, urgently in need of more experienced, quality players, may have to settle for a share of the spoils against Sunshine-George Cross at Middle Park on Saturday.

Surely Melbourne Croatia; the league leader, will continue its winning way against Bill Murray's Box Hill at Olympic Park on Sunday.

This weekend's matches, with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
South Melbourne Hellas v Sunshine-George Cross (draw) at Middle Park, 2.45 pm.

SUNDAY
Fawcner v Croydon (draw) at Jukes Road, 3 pm.
Doveton v Juventus (draw) at Waratah Reserve, 3 pm.
Polonia v Morwell Falcons (draw) at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.

GREEN GULLY AJAX v Northcote at Green Gully Reserve, 3 pm.
Ringwood Wilhelmina v Albion Rovers at Jubilee Park, 3 pm.

CROATIA v Box Hill at Olympic Park No. 1, 3 pm.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: James 5 - Varniers 5, De Cort 6, Brooks 6, G Haupt 5 - Gibson 5 (White 70th), Trent 6, Burton 6 - Cork 6, Pans 6 (Thorn 68th), Stewart 6. Coach: Mike de Bruyckere.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Dany 7 - Peter Lewis 8, Short 7, Connell 8, Hogen 7 - Green 7, Vassallo 7, Smallman 7, Williams 7 - Tool 7, Paul Lewis 7. Coach: Len Mackenzie.

Green Gully Ajax turned on its best 45 minutes of possession football this year in the first half as home side Ringwood Wilhelmina found the State League champion and Ampol Cup holder too classy on Sunday.

Former Welsh international David Smallman put Ajax in

Youth policy is a failure

JUVENTUS 3 (P. Bannon 32nd, Drinockzy 65th, G. Bannon 85th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Abraam 44th) at Olympic Park, Saturday.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 7 - S. Bannon 7, P. Bannon 7, V. Bannon 7, Hird 8 - Swincoo 7, Rogers 7, Nelson 8 (H.T., Drinockzy 7), Ziad 8, Coach 8 (H.T. Lyle 7), Incantapulo 8. Coach: John Margari.

S.M. HELLAS: Parra 8 - Postacoglou 8, Kakantoni 8, Kaleridis 8, Vardakis 8 - Basinovski 8, Abraam 7, Hema 8 (H.T. Kalar 6) - Buljevic 7, Blizna 6, Kalambois 6. Coach: Jim Armstrong.

After gaining one solitary point in four games, the all out youth policy of South Melbourne Hellas risks to become a "slaughter of the innocents" if the club does not inject some more experience into the team.

It is impossible for a band of young players, talented as they may be, to achieve anything against the experienced teams of the State League; not even the grooming of players for the NSL team, because they have nobody to learn from on the field thus keeping making the same mistakes; and the week after week humiliation does untold damage to their morale.

The addition of Branko Buljevic is only a drop in the ocean, with the team still badly needing at least one experienced defender and one experienced midfielder.

The present situation is hardly fair to the boys and first-year senior coach Jim Armstrong.

The validity of youth, complemented by personal and

Mrzina makes excuses

NORTHCOTE 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 5 (Latif penalty 11th, 46th, Cumming 5th, Curcio 26th, Bliskic 51st) at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 4 - Wilson 6, Creany 6, Ketsakidis 5, Niblet 4 (Mihos H.T. 8) - Moore 5, Oulipley 5, Wright 5, Sahididi 5, Constantinou 4 (Bot 67th), Culina 6. Coach: Tony Vriza.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasky 8 - Hannah 9 (Inf. Morovic 83rd), Adams 8, Parton 8, Blavie 8 - Bliskic 8, Antolovic 8, Cumming 8, Gilevic 8 - Latif 8, Curcio 8 (Merkovic 70th). Coach: John Gardiner.

Northcote's hyped-up "match of the round" turned into the thrashing of the round as Melbourne Croatia ran out an easy 5-0 victor at John Cain Reserve on Sunday.

Northcote coach Tony Vriza offered four main reasons for his side's crushing loss: Sweeper George Bozakis was out injured; midfielder Stevie Moore had to carry an injury throughout the match; defender Mark Wilson, as-

signed the task of tagging Tommy Cumming, broke his nose in the first 10 minutes but was forced to continue playing due to the lack of depth in the squad; and Steve Moore's penalty late in the first half could have turned the game around had Croatia goalkeeper Peter Blasky not saved Moore's attempt.

Croatia coach John Gardiner simply stated that his side played well, far too well for Northcote, and thoroughly deserved its win.

Cumming gave Croatia the lead after just five minutes and six minutes later Ossie Latif put Croatia 2-0 up when he pounced on a bad mistake from young Chris Ketsakidis and set off for goal. John Creany felled Latif inside the Northcote area and Latif recovered to convert the resultant penalty.

Tony Curcio, partnering Latif in front in Croatia's 4-2-4 formation, made it 3-0 and Moore's missed penalty, awarded after Blasky had brought down Branko Culina, left Croatia with a match winning half time lead.

A minute into the second half Croatia went further ahead. Creany let go a long punt downfield from Blasky thinking that goalkeeper John Giannopoulos was well off his line and in good position to gather the ball. To Creany's horror, it was Latif who got to the ball first and easily slotted it past Giannopoulos.

Five minutes later Cumming sent Josp Bliskic through. The little Croatia midfielder shot firmly and Giannopoulos, although doing well to get a hand to the ball, couldn't stop it going into goal to make it 5-0.

Croatia midfielder Jeff Faulkner was missing due to a knee injury sustained at training on the Friday night before the match but should be available for Sunday's clash with Box Hill. Striker Dave Brogan has served his suspension after being sent off a few weeks ago against Albion and also will be available for Sunday.

team experience, cannot be denied and proof of it was given at the other end by Fabio Incantapulo, who was finally back at his sparkling best in the dual role of playmaker and striker to deserve my vote as best on the field, followed by consistent classy defender Hird and South's brilliant keeper Perree.

Regardless of the final result, the teenage brigade of South Melbourne always manages to make the opposition look bad in the action of both goals.

The first in Perree's net, in the 32nd minute, was slotted in by the Juventus skipper from an Incantapulo free kick. The 44th minute was pushed past the line by Abraam after the senior Bannon had so uncharacteristically fumbled the ball only metres from goal.

Clayton was a very disappointed man at having to concede his first goal of the season with the determinant complicity of his captain and, usually, excellent shield.

In this first half South made good use of the off-side trap and was at times dangerous with Kalambois while Clayton did well in lifting over the bar a dangerous angled header by Buljevic in the 38th minute.

The second half was a vastly different affair with Drinockzy taking the field to restore Juventus defence at its usual norm. Banned Bannon was pushed into midfield and Lloyd taking the place of French.

With a more consistent push from the back and the midfield Incantapulo increased his already solid contribution to Juventus' fortunes and was unlucky not to score in the 67th minute when his shot was saved by the woodwork and in many other occasions when Perree made excellent saves or his thunderbolts whistled just out.

But he was at hand again with his intelligent set-piece play in the 88th minute when his corner kick found Drinockzy's head and was brilliantly smashed down and out of Perree's reach to put Juve in front again. The defender came in for a solo run, Bannon sent a pull at his jumper by a desperate South defender, and slammed the ball past hapless Perree.

— ROCKY DI ZIO

Tuffield leads

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Northcote v Melbourne Croatia: 3 - Antolovic (MC) 2 - Hannah (MC) 1 - Bliskic (MC). Ringwood Wilhelmina v Green Gully Ajax: 3 - J. Peter Lewis (GGA) 2 - Connell (GGA) 1 - Smallman (GGA).

Morwell Falcons v Doveton: 3 - McGuinness (MF) 2 - Corke (D) 1 - Webster (D). Sunshine-George Cross v Fawcner: 3 - Cazzella (F) 2 - Sabidussi (F) 1 - Palinkas (F). Ringwood Wilhelmina v 3 - Ramos (BH) 2 - Mills (P) 1 - Laskic (P). Albion Rovers v Croydon: 3 - 85th (AR) 2 - Macleod (AR) 1 - Hennessey (AR).

Juventus v South Melbourne Hellas: 3 - Incantapulo (J) 2 - Hird (J) 1 - Perree (SM). Progressive votes: 7 - Tuffield (Fawcner) 3 - Antolovic (Croatia), Kallitidis (SMH), Zini, Hird (Juventus), Macleod (Morwell), Moore (Northcote), Mills (Polonia).

Leading scorers: 5 - Cumming (Croatia), 4 - McGuinness (Morwell).



David Smallman gets a hug from Gus Macleod after scoring for Ajax.

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Caulfield in the wars again, Richmond chases Whittle

The Victorian Leagues

Caulfield City faces up to its second investigation in successive years by the VSF investigative and disciplinary committee after its Metro Third Division home against Etham was abandoned on Saturday.

There was no official referee at the senior game, even though the reserves referee turned up to honor his appointment. In accordance with VSF rules, home side Caulfield provided the referee for the senior game. Two penalties to Caulfield and some wild swinging tackles later, Etham players decided to walk off "for their own protection," according to club spokesman Gordon Kirkwood.

Etham claims that when he approached the stand-in referee after the match, he refused to give his name.

Etham has lodged an official protest with the VSF. Meanwhile, First Division outfit Richmond has parted company with coach Mike Kulpin and is reportedly interested in hiring transfer listed Preston Macedonia midfielder Alan Whittle.

Metro Fourth Division side Hamlyn Rangers paraded their new signing, John Gardner, on Saturday in their 3-1 win over Ferrislee Gully. Hamlyn just pipped Fourth Division rival Moorabbin in signing Gardner for \$3,000 from Green Gully Ajax, an uncommonly high fee for lower league clubs to pay.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

FRANKSTON PINES 0 KEO CITY 1 (Gary Keenan 65th) at Monterey Boulevard.

FRANKSTON PINES: Ivanoff 7, McCordie 1 (McDonnell 77th), Davidson 7, Paulding 6, Beach 7.

COKE & Cullen 8, McNeil 7 - O'Halloran 6, 4th, Miller 6, Coach: Danny McMillan.

KEY CITY: Green 8 - Wilkinson 4 (in), Hargreaves 68th, Brindle 6, Train 8, Thompson 8 - Gary Keenan 9, McElhinney 8, Houston 7, Parsons 7 - Droughe 7, Campbell 8, Coach: Terry Hargreaves.

This intense, exciting clash initially found home side Frankston Pines resorting to a hard, tough style of play trying to capitalise against some of the young, inexperienced Kew players.

Poor finishing robbed Pines of going in at the interval in front. Rather, they had to settle for a 0-0 half time score-line after Tommy O'Halloran and Kevin Wall both missed easy chances. O'Halloran's came after Jim Green had smothered a Wall attempt. The rebound fell for O'Halloran who hammered the ball over. In the 40th minute, after a comedy of errors which found most players lying on the ground after trying to clear a Pines attack down the right, Wall miskicked his shot, sending the ball trundling harmlessly into Green's clutches.

Kew was much more determined in the second half. The tempo of the midfield battle increased with Kew's Gary Keenan outstanding, closely followed by Pines' John Cullen.

A poor crossfield pass in the 65th minute was pounced upon by young Keenan who drove a 30 metre shot into the top corner with Pines' goalkeeper Lou Ivanoff stranded well out from goal.



Provisional League First Division leader Hawksburn. Back row: Andy Sejmazi, Joe Szabo, Andy Kazi, Tibor Benedek, Slavko Visic, Steve Kanton, Tibor Mistic. Front row: Janos Palo, Joe Biro, Janos Szabo, Eddie Becolic, Steve Blaskany (player-coach), Steve Derek, Sander Kazi. Picture by SLAVKO DRJIC.

There was plenty of goal-mouth action for the remainder of the match with Kew successfully defending to the death.

BELL PARK 0 KNOX CITY 1 (Librell 55th).

BELL PARK: Varjak, Thomson, J. Tutone, Daniels Filipovski, Mazza, Wilkinson, Prutey, Bond, Parlin, O'Leary. **SUBS:** Babic, M. Tutone, Longo.

KNOX CITY: McTurk, Dixon, Schroeder, Blesinger, Rodda, Murray, Smith, Fitzpatrick, Crompton, Librell (83rd Quarter), House.

On a playing surface best described as unsuitable for top soccer both teams experienced great difficulty in effectively controlling the ball which had too many chances not taken.

House, Librell and Murray were all inches wide with first half efforts and Bond saw a superb effort held by the fingertips of McTurk to prevent the home team taking the lead.

Librell was inches wide after 58 minutes but made amends immediately when a deflected shot lobbed high and

bounded down right on the goal and in the ensuing melee he was able to charge the ball over the line.

DIVISION TWO NORTH DANDENONG 1 (Mackie 70th) PRAHRAN SALVIA 0

NORTH: Barnham 8, Popadopolous 7, Cortes 8, Walmsley 7, Taylor 8, Collier 7, R. Nelson 7, Byrne 7, Fox 7, D. Nelson 8, Mackie 8.

SLAVIA: Hammon 8, Anderson 7, Riva 8, Velazquez 8, Bass 8, Gallo 8, Cardona 8, Rubio 8, Parades 8, Canales 8, Belcamp 8.

North Dandenong Soccer Club scored a spirited 1-0 win over Prahran Slavia and climbed into equal second in Second Division.

Despite numerous attacking moves by North it was lowly Prahran that had the golden opportunity to go 1-0 up when Alistair Taylor was deemed to have fouled a visiting forward in the penalty area. However, goalkeeper David Bea-

mish pulled off a magnificent save to keep the scoreline level at half-time.

The Slavia defence finally cracked in the 70th minute when Ian Mackie, with an aggressive run, weaved his way past two defenders and into the penalty area before expertly slipping the ball past the advancing goalkeeper for a great goal.

DIVISION THREE SANDRINGHAM CITY 1 (Quin penalty 39th) PRAHRAN CITY 2 (Roberts 12th, Webb 52nd) at Sillitoe Reserve.

SANDRINGHAM CITY: Harburn 8 - Donovan 7, Palmer 8, Plumb, 7, Dillon 7 - Black 8 (Karpachuk 77th, Pieneman 7, Downing 8 (Kallergos 58th) - Flaherty 8, Walker 8, Quin 7. Coach: Steve Walker.

PRAHRAN CITY: Hewke 6 - Jackson 6, Campbell 7, Houston 7, Thomas 7 - McCallum 7, Webb 8, McKenna 7 - Roberts 7, Wallace 8, de Carl 8. Coach: Frank Campbell.

Prahran's midfield was the major difference between these sides. David Webb, Marshall, McCallum and Paul McKenzie had a lot of the ball and it only was due to Sandringham's fairly solid defence that the visitors found it hard to break through.

Early on Liam Houston beat Steve Walker in the air, although Walker did better in the second half in this department but to no avail. Prahran player-coach, sweeper Frank Campbell rarely broke sweat. He always had time to do as he pleased whereas the Sandringham back four often was forced into playing the ball early.

A bad piece of judgement by Sandringham keeper Steve Harburn led to Prahran's first goal. Webb slipped a delightful through ball to right winger Martin Roberts with Sandy left back Tony Dillon caught too far forward. Harburn raced about 20 metres out of goal with no chance of beating Roberts to the ball and the Prahran forward slipped the ball into the unguarded net.

Sandringham levelled a few

SELECTIONS

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
Saturday: DONCASTER v Athlete Gate, KNOX City v Western Suburbs.
Sunday: ALTONA CITY v Frankston Pines, Richmond v MELBOURNE.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: DANDENONG CITY v Ringwood United, Ashbur v HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER, Footscray JUST v THOMASTOWN, Kallor Austria v ST ALBANS, DRUMMOY v Preston Macedonia v North DANDENONG, SPRINGVALE CITY v Waverley City.
Sunday: Prahran Slavia v NUNAWADING CITY.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Brighton v SOUTH OAKLEIGH, Etham v Colony (draw), YALLIBURN v Caulfield City, HEIDELBERG BUNDOCKA v 5th Melb Mor-Marine, PRAHRAN CITY v Royal Richmond, Mornington v SANDRINGHAM, Port Melbourne v Sanyer United (draw).

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: Geelong/Johannes v Essendon Tricolor (draw), Kew/Johannes v North DANDENONG, Hawthorn v Stirling (draw), Kew/Johannes v ROSAMBA, COBOLD v Footscray JUST, MOORABBIN v Moorabbin Rangers v Moorabbin (draw).

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE
Saturday: CHELSEA v Carlton, Clayton v BULLLEEN, CLIFTON HILL v Balgownie, Malpas v HAWKSBURN, LAUNCESTON v Langmead, EAST BRUNSWICK v Shepparton City, Mounah United v YARRAVILLE.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: Sandringham City v ADOPTORF TASSA, NUNAWADING United v HOLLAND PARK, Boroak v Central City (draw), Crowsnest v South Dandenong (draw), Kew/Johannes v Ringwood (draw).

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Sunday: BUNDOCKA v Suburbs City, MACCARI v Ascent United, CHAISTONE v Balgownie, POSTER INSTITUTE v Warragul, ENDEAVOUR HILLS v Varragul, EPPING THISTLE v Warragul, MELBOURNE UNITED v Warragul.

DIVISION TWO
Sunday: STIRLING PARK v Kew/Johannes, 5th Springvale, MEADOW PARK v Crowsnest, MULLGRAVE v Boroak, LAUNCESTON v ADOPTORF CITY, Sandringham City v WARRERLEY United, PHILLIP UNITED v St Albans, Malpas v West End.

YOUTH LEAGUE DIVISION A
Saturday: CROYDON v Frankston, Stirling, George Cross v MELBOURNE OCEANIA, HEDDERBURN ALEXANDER v Richmond.

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PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE

BULLLEEN 5 (Boarotto 65th, Salvatore 76th, Gannet 78th, 87th, Sutherland 88th) CHELSEA 0

BULLLEEN: Poropat 8, Bolin 8, Meneguzzi 7, P. Casati 8, Zecchin 8, Greaser 7, Sutherland 7, Blasetto 8, M. Gennari 8, Boarotto 7, Salvatore 7.
CHELSEA: Ballagamba 8, Balmevalde 8, Mulla, Barry 8, Sweeney 8, Gaoch 7, Mourao 8, Garuch 8, Novaro 8, Paturno 8, Parola 8, Di Pirro 8.

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WADE WINS IT FOR CROYDON

ALBION ROVERS 0 CROYDON CITY 1 (Wade 90th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 8 - Ogden 8 (Kally 7, half time), Macdonald 8, Hennessey 8, Gales 8, Farrie 4, Dixon 4, Murphy 4 - Coyle 5, S'Syva 5, Smart 8, Coach: Hugh Murray.

CROYDON CITY: Kastner 6 - Rainey 8, Dobson 8, McComb 8, Hobson 8 - Brown 8, Rooney 7, Wade 7 - P. Loughnane 6, Loughnane 6 (Irvin 78th), Nolan 7, Coach: Bill McCarthy.

'Albion Rovers' Michael Edgley, former player and coach Billy Cree, is to promote entertainment nights featuring "White Lightning" and "Rapture". The groups have been chosen for their names, to inspire the players.

At the moment, the Rovers with the exception of the stout-hearted defenders, have been performing to the strains of "Tip toe through the tulips". Rovers still haven't scored a goal after four games.

Croydon waits until injury time to score its goals. The game was about 90 minutes old when Paul Wade headed in the winner. You had to feel sorry for goalkeeper Tom Costello and defenders Frank Macleod, Dean Hennessey and Brian

Gales who had stopped everything Croydon had mustered during a siege that lasted the entire game.

Terry Nolan should have scored four or five goals himself, but he kept hitting low or high from easy positions. At least he was having a go.

As a team, Croydon was woeful. Players going wide in space rarely, if ever, were given the ball. Instead, the man with the ball tried to dribble two or three opponents through the middle. Peter Loughnane and Jimmy Rooney were among the guilty.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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PATTERSON BLOWS IT

BOX HILL 1 (McKenna 20th) POLONIA 2 (Marshall 39th, K. Patterson o.g. 75th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinley 6 - I. Roodhouse 7, Lawler 6, Brownlie 6, K. Patterson 6 - Hughes 7, Miranda 7 (McCleod 66th), Ramon 9 - 80th, Taylor 8, Coach: Bill Murray.

POLONIA: Dolsakowski 6 - Lipienicki 6 (Klein 80th), McCusker 6, Mile 8, Smolenski 7 - P. Czapiak 7, A. Czapiak 7, Petrov 6 - Laktic 8, Marshall 6, Przybyla 7, Coach: Mike Lynn.

Kyle Patterson, sent off in the previous game against Doveton, scored an own goal to give Polonia an important win against Box Hill at Wembley Park on Sunday.

Patterson was sent off to have served his automatic one game suspension by missing Box Hill's Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup match against Mornington on Easter Monday.

Box Hill's strengths lie in midfield and up front. It's defence is decidedly suspect. Polonia on the other hand, is a side with enormous talent but an almost eccentric attitude. Too many Polonia players spent most of the first half wandering about in a totally, carefree, disinterested fashion, best typified by giant striker Alex Marshall, a player

with immense ability but little application.

The Hillmen dominated the first stanza but found Stefan Mila and Danny McCusker standing firm at the heart of Polonia's defence.

Box Hill though, still struck first in the 20th minute, through Scottish newcomer Alan McKenna, a real tough customer. Mila fouled Peter Verechich on the right, just outside the box. Andy Hughes took the resultant free kick, tapping it short to Ray Taylor. The veteran Box Hill striker stopped the ball for Pedro Ramos who clipped it to the far post where McKenna out jumped Peter Czapiak and headed in.

A superb 35 metre shot from Verechich struck the bar as the Hillmen continued to dominate. It came, therefore, as something of a surprise when Polonia hit back in the 39th minute.

Janusz Przybyla played a through ball for Marshall who rode a fierce Donovan Lawler tackle then sweetly knocked the ball under goalkeeper John McKinley's body.

A George Petrov cross in the 67th minute was won in the air by Marshall and headed back across goal. Brendan Laktic failed to make contact but the ball fell for Peter Czapiak who amazingly shot over from just two metres!

With 15 minutes left Peter Czapiak's swinging corner from the left deflected Patterson at the near post who got the faintest of touches to the ball and glanced it into the far corner of his own net to make it 2-1.

Patterson almost made amends in the final minute of normal time when he headed against the bar from a Taylor corner.

— MICK O'BRIEN

MORWELL FALCONS 2 (McGuinness 8th, 53rd) DOVETON 1 (Webster 44th) at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 7, Smart 7, Highmore 8, Irvine 6, Train 6 - Young 7, Maclean 6, O'Callaghan 6 (T. van Baer 58th) - Evans 7, McGuinness 6, Milton 6, Coach: Tony Boggi.

DOVETON: Keogh 6 - Thurlow 7, Corka 8, Marwick 8, Miller 7, Buchanan 7, Dowse 7, Waterhouse 7 - Webster 7, Striron 7, M. Lennon 8 (McIvor H.T. 8), Coach: Ernie Merrick.

Doveton's first State League win in 1983 isn't far away judging by this performance in which the Doves striking duo of Ian Striron and Stan Webster were far more involved than in recent games.

Both sides missed chances in a keenly contested, enjoyable spectacle. Home side Morwell Falcons struck first when Bobby McGuinness gained possession in the 8th minute. Alan Evans and Noel Mitten made off-the-ball runs, taking defenders with them, and leaving space for

DOVES ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

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